



MY BITCH IS PREGNANT. WHAT SHOULD I DO

On the 40th day:

- Vermifuge the bitch with an antihelminthic compatible with pregnancy.
- Increase the daily ration by 20% or preferably change to a diet food which shall insure perfect caloric and vitaminic inputs.
- Repeat all vaccinations unless it has been made at the time of cover.

On the 49th day:

- Change to diet food if not already done, and increase the rations by 10%, distribute it over 2 or 3 meals.

On the 56th day

- Add 10% more food, it is mandatory that the bitch fulfills its needs, so all stratagems are permitted.

From the 58th day on:

- Register morning and evening temperatures on a card.

On D day -1:

- The temperature lowers by 1°C before putting forth.
- The bitch shows anxiety, is disturbed, searching for a proper place to nest.

Prepare to that effect a soft and warm couch that you will install in a place where the bitch feels well, reassured..

THE DELIVERY:

- In general shorter than 12hrs, may stretch for 36hrs.
- Contractions are announced by intensified panting.



- Puppies come in succession with an interval of 20 to 60 min. One must know that the first is often the hardest to come...
- The amnios, a greenish foil, follows the puppy after 1 to 15 min.
- Check that the last amnios has been laid down.
- Some times the amnios does not break up, if the mother doesn't take care of it, you will free the puppy from its envelopes, break the umbilical cord by stretching it and finally stimulate the puppy energetically through frictions, tractions on the tongue...
- Take care that the puppies do not catch cold by installing over them and in a corner of the nest a 60watts lamp which should radiate some heat.

Call the veterinary if :

1. The coming forth has not started 24hrs after the drop in temperature.
2. More than 70 days have passed since the first cover.
3. The bitch is bleeding.
4. Contractions are unproductive for 45 min.
5. The bitch, worn-out, does not work anymore, and it seems to you that all is not over yet.
6. You are getting anxious

And after the coming forth ?

The bitch

- Body temperature stays up for 2-3 days.
- Non-smelling vulvular losses, greenish, red-brown, in various quantities may persist for 3-6 weeks.
- During the 3 first weeks, nutritive needs are very important. It is mandatory to use diet food. If the bitch lacks appetite, use stratagems.
- On the 3rd week re-vermifuge the mother and slowly start to reduce rations.

The puppies

- Weigh them regularly, above all on the first week.



- Daily weight increase = 5 to 10% of the weight when born.
- Insure that the puppies do not catch cold by placing over them, in a corner of the nest, a 60watts lamp.
- At day 12-15, eyes open.
- At 3 weeks, lactation is decreasing, complement at the start by maternised canine milk then progressively small croquettes for seen to that effect. Therewith the weaning shall take place softly. Never give them cow milk.
- At 6 weeks vaccinate and vermifuge the whole brood.
- Puppies can then be taken away by their new owner 1week after vaccination. Give them a bag of the food used for the puppies. Vaccines and vermifuges shall be again made at 3 month