

Breeder Tips from United All Breed Registry



Helpful video for beginning breeders



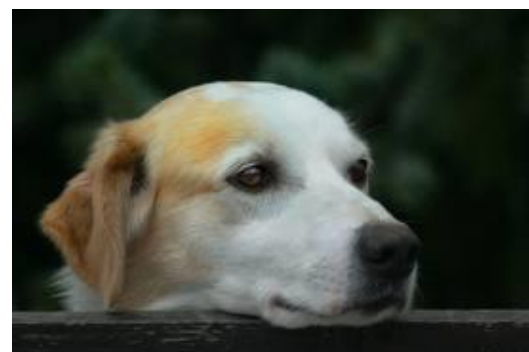
A Vet Discusses Dog Pregnancy

And a lovely, somewhat romantic whelping video:



Pre-Natal Care of Your Dam

She seems healthy and you both eagerly anticipate her litter of pups, but what should you be doing for her while they are developing? Basic advice falls into these few categories:



1. **FEED HER.** Some recommend feeding her puppy food during the entire pregnancy, because it is higher in protein and fat. Others stay on the same food, but start increasing by 10% early on and keep on increasing up to 30% more than her normal ration by whelping time. Extra water is also a must for a successful pregnancy.
2. **EXERCISE HER.** Drinking and eating more will mean having to 'go' more, so plan on taking her out more. Walking a lot will help keep her fit, her circulation good and her general state of health and mental attitude good for her puppies.
3. **GROOM HER.** Grooming, massages and affection throughout the pregnancy have been proven to improve her acceptance of your involvement at whelp time and with her puppies.
4. **PREP HER.** Just before whelping, gently clip any excess or matted hair around the vulva and mammary glands and give her teats a wipe with a gentle disinfectant.

There's a load of excellent advice on Debbie Jensen's [website on Canine Reproduction and Whelping](#). She includes a [valuable list](#) of common natural and pharmaceutical medicines that can be TOXIC to your pregnant dam and must be avoided, including many antibiotics and flea treatments.



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