



## Micronesian Exotic Animal Specialty Services

### Wise Owl Animal Care & Hospital

705 S. Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning, GU 96931  
671-646-2273 671-646-2264 FAX  
PacificIslandVet@gmail.com

In association/support with  
**PACIFIC ISLAND VETERINARIAN SERVICES**  
a non-profit NGO, operating in the North Pacific islands  
PacificIslandVet@hotmail.co.uk

## PUPPY AND POST BIRTHING SCHEDULE

At Wise Owl, we offer you *Quality Puppy Care*. We do not charge you for the minor things like toe nail trims and ear cleaning when your puppy is being vaccinated at our clinic. After your first puppy visit, we do not charge for any rechecks, doctor fees, regular deworming or fecal tests. All are free of charge until the puppy vaccines are completed. So for *Quality Puppy Care*, see us at Wise Owl Animal Hospital.

### Immediately to 48 hrs after birthing

Dr. Exam of Mother & Puppies	*\$59 exam fee
Cleanout shot(s) for Mother	\$30 - \$90 for 2 injections
Vitamin/mineral supplement	\$12 - \$59 (if needed)
	*Exam fee covers mother & puppies until fully weaned

### 3 -5 days old

Dr. Exam of Puppies	
Remove (dock) tails and dewclaws	\$34 per puppy
<i>-This depends on the breed (Jack Russells, Rottweilers, Pitbulls (tails and/or dewclaws), Chihuahuas (dewclaws only), etc...)</i>	
<i>-If you have a breed that does not need tails docked and/or dewclaws removed, this does not apply.</i>	

### 8 - 10 days old

Dr. Exam of Mother & Puppies	
Deworming of all puppies	\$5 per puppy

### 21 days old

Dr. Exam of Mother & Puppies	
Deworming of all puppies	\$5 per puppy



**At 21 days of age** puppies should be started on puppy food mixed with water (not milk.) This does not mean you stop them from nursing on Mom. Even though the puppies do not have teeth yet, the puppies can still eat the food. Often by 4 weeks old many puppies have teeth. Mom will start to reject of their desires/ attempts to nurse because the teeth are chewing on her breasts. Starting puppy food at 21 days of age makes it easier on the mother and puppies.

### 37 - 42 days old

Dr. Exam of Mother & Puppies	
Deworming of all puppies	
Fecal (parasite) Test	\$60 per puppy
First Vaccine	\$56 per puppy if 4 puppies or more



### Every 3- 4 weeks until over 16 weeks old

Vaccines and deworming	\$60 per puppy
	\$56 per puppy if 4 puppies or more

*It is important that you choose an effective internal and external parasite prevention to keep your dog healthy and happy!*

\*\*\*Remember to keep feeding the mother PUPPY FOOD during the pregnancy and nursing periods!\*\*\*

## PRENATAL CARE FOR YOUR DOG AND PUPPIES

Taking good care of your female dog before pregnancy, during pregnancy, and while nursing results in healthier mothers and puppies and lower costs to you. It is all based around good nutrition, clean housing, and preventing internal (worms) and external (fleas and ticks) parasites.



### When should you breed your dog? At what age can you breed your dog?

Try to record the date you breed your dog. This is an important date since we cannot accurately determine when your dog will give birth without this date being known. WRITE THE DATE DOWN.

Dogs are pregnant for 9 weeks. (Humans – 9 months/Dogs – 9 weeks, EASY TO REMEMBER) Your dog should not be bred before she is 2 years old. You will hear that it is okay to breed at the second heat or many other variations of age. However, dogs that are bred less than 2 years of age essentially are having a teenage pregnancy. We have all heard of teenage girls becoming pregnant less than 17 or 18 years of age. Who raises the child? The grandmother raises the child because the young girl is just that – young. The same is true of dogs, and frequently YOU will end up raising the litter of puppies.

When the dog is bred less than 2 years of age, she is prone to do inappropriate acts, such as eating puppies, stepping on puppies, and in one way or another killing and maiming puppies. The worst part is that they have learned to do this wrong behavior, and they will repeat it at almost every litter in the future.



### Diet: During Pregnancy:

As soon as your female dog goes into heat (starts bleeding), you should start her on a high quality puppy food. Hopefully, this is as early as when she starts going into heat. If not then, then start as soon as you can.

Yes, Puppy food! There are puppies inside of her, and you are feeding puppies. So feed puppy food! We recommend the “Puppy Food” from DIAMOND, IAMS, Natures Recipe, Nutro products, Loyal, Ultra, and Pro Pac. Remember, just like with children the most important thing during the prenatal period is nutrition. Nutrition! Nutrition! Nutrition!



### Diet: During Nursing (Lactation):

Nursing is 3 – 5 times as stressful on the mother’s body than as regular life. Pregnancy is only twice as stressful. Thus, feeding quality food during the lactation is very, very important. Once again, you are feeding puppies, *so feed puppy food!* The same considerations on feeding during pregnancy apply during nursing, except you should make the food available at all times.

When changing foods, mix the new and old foods together for at least 1 week. This will avoid diarrhea that frequently accompanies a change in diet.



### Cleanliness:

Everything associated with the mother and puppies should be clean and dry. If not, make it so. Do not be afraid to bathe the puppies. Just make sure you use puppy shampoo, warm water, and then dry them fully and quickly. As an alternative, baby wipes are acceptable. Puppies stay healthier when they are clean and dry.



### Internal Parasites:

Please ensure that the mother is on heartworm prevention. A Proheart injection can be done once a year. Sentinel and Iverheart monthly are also safe during pregnancy. We strongly recommend *every* dog take Interceptor or Iverheart every month of their life to prevent illness due to worms (parasites).



### External Parasites:

Keep ticks and fleas off the mother and puppies. Parasites are not normal and can cause severe illnesses. We recommend Parastar/Frontline during pregnancy and nursing.



### When should you schedule prenatal checkups?

At 28 – 30 days after the first breeding, we can palpate the presence of puppies and confirm a pregnancy.

At 55 days after the first breeding, have the mother x-rayed to determine the health, status, and quantity of puppies that are to be born. This simple test has saved many puppies and the mother.



### How to tell if the mother is ready to give birth?

When the mother is getting ready to give birth, her body temperature drop to 98.5° Fahrenheit or lower. Once this temperature is reached, she will deliver puppies within 24 hours. Also, her temperature will go back to normal within 18 hours. If you take her temperature (rectally) twice a day during her last week of pregnancy, you will usually not miss this temperature drop.

(Revised on 11.01.18)