



# Puppy & Post Birthing SCHEDULE



## WHAT DO WE OFFER?

At Wise Owl Animal Hospital, we offer you **Quality Puppy Care**. We do not charge for minor services such as toenail trims and ear cleanings when your puppy is vaccinated at our clinic. For **Quality Puppy Care**, visit us at Wise Owl Animal Hospital.

### Pre-Birth

- Pregnancy Exam
- X-Ray  
(55 days from day Dam was Bred)
- Ultrasound  
(30 days + **\*cannot count puppies\***)

### Immediately to 48hrs after birth

- Dr.Exam of Mother & Puppies  
(Pregnancy exam fee covers mother & puppies until 5 weeks of age)
- Post-birth shot(s) for Mother
- Vitamin/Mineral supplement

### 3-5 days old

- Exam of Mother & Puppies  
(exam fees will be waived if pregnancy exam is completed)
- Remove (dock) tails and dewclaws.  
(This depends on breed and procedures. If tail docking/dewclaw removal isn't needed, this may not apply. Consult your vet for details.)

### at 21 days of age

Puppies should start on **quality** puppy food mixed with water (*not milk*) at 21 days old. This doesn't mean stopping nursing; they can still nurse from their mother. By 4 weeks, many puppies have teeth, and the mother may begin to reject nursing due to discomfort. Starting solid food early helps both the mother and the puppies.

### 8-10 days old

- Exam of Mother & Puppies  
(exam fees will be waived if pregnancy exam is completed)
- Deworming of all puppies

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### 35-42 days old

- Dr. Exam of Mother and Puppies
- Deworming of all puppies
- Fecal (parasite) Test
- **First Vaccine** 
- clean ears
- toe nail trims

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

- Vaccines and Deworming  
(It is important that you choose an effective internal and external parasite prevention to keep your dog happy & healthy!)

# PRENATAL CARE FOR YOUR DOG & PUPPIES

## WHEN SHOULD YOU BREED YOUR DOG? AT WHAT AGE CAN YOU BREED YOUR DOG?

### IDEAL AGE:

Do not breed your dog before she is 2 years old. Breeding younger can lead to problematic behaviors and health issues.

### GESTATION PERIOD:

Dogs are pregnant for 9 weeks (compare to humans' 9 months).

### RECORDING THE DATE:

Note down or take a photo of the breeding date. This is crucial for predicting the birth date accurately.

### RISKS OF EARLY BREEDING:

- Higher risk of harmful behaviors such as eating or stepping on puppies.
- These behaviors can become habitual in future litters.
- Higher puppy mortality.

### DIET: DURING PREGNANCY

- Start high-quality puppy food when your female dog begins heat.
- Recommended brands: Diamond Purple Puppy, Diamond Large Breed & Diamond Small Breed
- Feed puppy food as she's carrying puppies.
- Proper nutrition during pregnancy is crucial.

### INTERNAL PARASITES

- Ensure Mother is on heartworm prevention.
- Proheart injection annually.
- Strongly recommend simparica or simparica trio monthly during pregnancy.
- Strongly recommend monthly Interceptor for lifelong parasite prevention.

### SCHEDULE PRENATAL CHECKUP

- 28-30 days after breeding: We can palpate to confirm pregnancy.
- 55 days after breeding: X-ray the mother to check the health, status, and number of puppies.

### DIET DURING NURSING (LACTATION)

- Nursing is 3-5 times as stressful on the mother's body.
- Feed quality puppy food during lactation, ensuring it's available at all times.
- Apply the same considerations as during pregnancy.
- When changing foods, mix old and new for at least a week to avoid diarrhea.

### EXTERNAL PARASITES

- Prevent ticks and fleas on mother and puppies.
- As these parasites can cause serious illnesses in mom and puppies.
- Recommend Bravecto, Simparica, Simparica Trio, or Zoguard during pregnancy and nursing.
- Ongoing prevention with these products is advised for all dogs to prevent flea and tick-related illnesses.

### SIGNS THE MOTHER IS READY TO GIVE BIRTH

- Temp drops to 98.3°F or lower.
- Birth occurs within 24 hours of temperature drop
- But temp will normalize within <8.
- Check temp 3x's daily in last week of pregnancy.

REMINDER:

KEEP FEEDING THE MOTHER PUPPY FOOD DURING PREGNANCY AND NURSING PERIODS!

### CLEANLINESS:

- KEEP EVERYTHING RELATED TO THE MOTHER AND PUPPIES CLEAN AND DRY.
- DON'T HESITATE TO BATHE THE PUPPIES USING PUPPY SHAMPOO AND WARM WATER: DRY THEM THOROUGHLY AND QUICKLY.
- ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN USE BABY WIPES.
- CLEAN AND DRY PUPPIES ARE HEALTHIER!