

Timeline of Pregnancy/Puppies

Day 0	Date of first breeding, start puppy food
Day 17	Earliest you can detect pregnancy- ultrasound only
Day 20-25	Best time to palpate for pregnancy, can do blood pregnancy test
Day 30-45	Bitch really starts to show, abdomen is distended Deworm if needed, increase amount of food
Day 45	Puppy skeletons calcify- can see on radiograph after this
Day 58-60	Best time to radiograph to count puppies
Day 63	First due date, if multiple breedings. Monitor body temp, teats for milk
24-48 hrs old	Need tails and dewclaws done -some breeds. Also a good time to have mom checked over.
2 weeks old	Deworm mom and pups
4 weeks old	Deworm pups again, ready to start weaning
6 weeks old	Deworm pups again, can give first boosters, should be mostly weaned
8 weeks old	Vaccinate if not done already, ready for new homes! Start mom back on adult dog food.
12 weeks old	Need second booster. Can have Rabies at 12 weeks or older. Should have started heartworm prevention
16 weeks old	Need last booster, next heartworm prevention
20 weeks old	Ready to be spayed/neutered, need heartworm prevention for year