



BREEDERS COMPETENCY PACKAGE

BREEDER BOOKLET 7: WHELPING

BREEDER BOOKLET 8: CARE AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

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Tick the box that corresponds with the most correct answer for the following multiple-choice questions.

Q1 If a puppy does not put on any weight in a 24-hour period, what should you do?

- A) Monitor it suckling and give it immediate priority on the 'good' teats
- B) Don't worry it will probably catch up in the next 24 hours
- C) Don't worry if it is a big puppy
- D) Take it to your vet immediately

Q2 How might you tell that your breeding female does not have enough milk?

- A) No milk can be expressed from her teats
- B) The puppies cry all the time and don't settle to sleep after a feed
- C) The puppies never seem to have full stomachs
- D) All of the above

Q3 When you check the breeding female each day, what should you be watching for?

- A) Signs of mastitis (red, firm and painful teats)
- B) She wags her tail
- C) That she is eating and drinking well
- D) Both 'A' and 'C'

Q4 Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A) A coloured discharge from the vulva of the mother in the first 2 weeks after birth is abnormal
- B) Pups can regulate their own temperature during the first week
- C) When the mother 'cleans' the pups, it stimulates them to go to the toilet
- D) The whelping box needs to be cleaned no more than once each week

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Q5 Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- A) Puppies start to see and hear clearly from around 10 days of age
- B) Puppies are very susceptible to cold and hunger in the first two weeks of life, so must be monitored closely
- C) Puppies should not be handled by humans in the first weeks of life to avoid interfering with the mother-puppy bond
- D) Puppy socialisation during the 5-20th weeks is one of the most important periods in rearing, impacting long term behaviour

Q6 When should you first worm your pups?

- A) At 2 weeks of age
- B) When they are weaned
- C) If the mother is wormed, you don't need to
- D) The day they are born

Q7 Which of the following is not a sign of impending whelping in your breeding female?

- A) A drop in rectal temperature from the normal 38 -39.0 degrees to below 37.0 degrees celsius
- B) Restlessness and reduction in appetite
- C) A drop in blood progesterone levels
- D) Looking fed up and uncomfortable

Q8 Which of the following signs are an indication the whelping is not going to plan, and veterinary support is required?

- A) More than 30-40 minutes of strong contractions with no pup
- B) More than 15 minutes of contractions with a pup visible but no progress
- C) More than 3 hours between pups
- D) All of the above

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