

Schedule for Breeding, Whelping and Puppy Care

	When?	Topic?
1.*	Anytime prior to breeding	Breeding suitability – pre-breeding examination, selection of mating pair
2.*	At least 4 weeks before heat starts, but after age 2 for OFA	Health Screening – OFA/PennHip/Eyes/Cardiac/Breed Specific disorders
3.*	At least 3 months prior to breeding	Stud dog nutritional supplements
4.*	Anytime prior to breeding	Breeding History – male and female
5*.	Anytime prior to start of heat cycle	Deciding what kind of semen to use Utilizing Fresh and Frozen semen
6.*	Anytime prior to breeding	Deciding what kind of breeding to do – TCI, Surgical breeding
7.*	Day 1 of her heat cycle	Diet change to HT42d
8.*	Day 6 of her heat cycle	Progesterone testing starts, repeated per Dr. interpretation/recommendation
9. ^	Day of ovulation	Schedule breeding
10.^	Day 2 after ovulation	Natural or fresh semen breeding
11.^	Day 3 after ovulation	Frozen semen breeding
12.^	Day 14 after breeding	Suture removal if surgical breeding was done
13.*	Day 28 after breeding	Pregnancy ultrasound
14.^	Day 42 after breeding through day 14 of lactation	Start Fenbendazole, change diet to performance or puppy food – Rainbow sheet**
15.*	Day 55 to 60 after ovulation	Puppy count x-ray to assess litter size and need for C-section
16.	Day 60 after ovulation	Apply Adaptil collar if C-section is expected or bitch is a 1 st time mom
17.*	Day 62 after ovulation	C-section if indicated – Planning for your bitch’s c-section
18.*	Day 62 to day 64 after ovulation	Whelping
19.*	Day 64 after ovulation	Intervene with C-section if whelping has not occurred

20.	At whelping	Initiate neonatal care with plasma and/or tube feeding if indicated
21.	After whelping	File AKC paperwork and complete AKC Dog Record for each dog
22.*	After whelping, until 6 weeks	Monitor neonatal development – see schedule for normal developmental stages
23.*	Day 3 to 16 after whelping	Early neurological stimulation
24.*	Day 3 to 6 after whelping	Taildocks and/or dewclaw removal if indicated
25.	Day 14, 28, 42 and 56 after whelping	Deworm with pyrantel pamoate if Fenbendazole was not used during pregnancy
26.*	6 to 12 weeks after birth	Initiate vaccinations based on nomograph, insert microchips, assess dentition, complete physical exam
27. 27.*	7 or more weeks after birth	Place in new homes with CVI/ Health certificates/ Travel paperwork as needed
28.	8 weeks after ovulation	Consider uterine biopsies and cultures if bitch failed to conceive or maintain pregnancy
29.*	12 weeks after birth	Booster pups