



Veterinary Village and
International Canine Semen Bank WI/IL

Planning Your Bitch's Surgical Breeding:

The following information should be helpful in preparing you, your bitch and your household for the exciting upcoming event. If you have additional questions, our Reproduction team will be happy to help.

Please let us know if your bitch is involved in any competitive events prior to handing her over to our staff.

If your bitch conceives her litter, when would her litter be due?

We have estimated your bitch's due date is predicted to be _____ based on her progesterone testing and breeding dates. Please be certain you will be available to help her whelp her litter before we proceed with breeding.

Her surgery is scheduled for _____ at _____ with Dr. _____.

In most cases, we are within 24 hours of her ideal due date. However, in some cases such as in bitches carrying large litters or without precise progesterone timing at the breeding, we may be off by a few hours. Because of this, we recommend you monitor her the last 48 hours before her due date to be sure she does not go into labor unattended. We are available from 7 am until 9 pm Monday thru Thursday and 8 am thru 6 pm on Friday thru Sunday.

What should I do before her insemination surgery?

A day or 2 prior to her surgery, you may wish to bathe and blow her out. She will not be able to be bathed for 14 days post op. We want her to be as clean as possible to minimize surgical contamination. We will need to clip the hair off of a portion of her abdomen and a small patch for her IV catheter.

Please feed her dinner the night before her surgery but no food the morning of her surgery. She may have access to water until she is ready to travel to our office. If she is on any medications and the doctor has approved them, she may have those the morning of her surgery, with only enough canned dog food or cheese to coat the tablet. Ask if you have questions about specific meds. Please do not vaccinate her, use medications containing steroids or use any topical or oral flea and tick products on her within 1 week of her breeding date.

What should I bring along the day of her surgery?

Please bring the following with you to her surgical insemination.

1. The bitch.
2. Your charged cell phone.
3. A large crate with your own clean, comfortable bedding that she can lay out in on your trip home.

What happens the day of my bitch's surgical AI?

We will have you arrive 1 hour prior to her scheduled breeding. On arrival, she will have the following procedures done by our highly trained technical staff:

1. Progesterone and pre-surgical blood work.
2. Pre-op EKG.
3. Physical examination by our doctor doing her surgery.
4. IV catheter placement. A small area on her front leg will be shaved for this.
5. Medications ordered by the veterinarian caring for her.
6. Shaving for her surgery.

What happens during her Insemination surgery?

You are welcome to stay throughout her time with us. At times, she will be moved to areas of the hospital for her care; however, you may be with her as much as possible based on her needed care and that of other patients and clients in our hospital at the time. If you prefer, you may leave and return. We have a brochure available at the front desk with a listing of local restaurants and attractions to entertain you during your brief visit to Lomira.

At the time we are ready to start her surgery, we will take her to our surgery suite. We will then promptly start her surgical insemination. The surgery and semen handling takes 20 to 30 minutes. You are welcome to watch her surgery through our surgery suite windows. Please respect the sterile areas and the staff working with her and our other patients.

After the bitch's surgery is completed, she will be moved to our surgery recovery area. She will be on a blanket on a heated floor, with a heart monitor and will be monitored by our staff until she is recovered.

Once she has fully recovered and can walk, we will instruct you on her post-op care, provide you a discharge instruction sheet, explain and provide her medications, have you pay your bill, and help you out to the car with her.

Dates with follow up care will be provided for you in a separate printout before you leave.

We look forward to assisting you with your breeding program and helping you manage her pregnancy.

Sincerely,

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