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| **Pregnancy Calendar for Dogs** |
| Date: | **Thu 3 Jun 2010** |
| Sire: | **Buddy of Crab Apple Crossing** |
| Dam: | **Brandy of Alika Cotons** |
| Breeder: | **RiAl Cotons** |
| Thu 15 Apr 2010 | * First day of mating.
* 48 hours after the first mating the bitch should be mated again. Subsequent matings occurring over a period of time enhance the chances of fertilaziton taking place.
* The spermatozoa migrate up through the cervix.
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| Fri 16 Apr 2010 | * Sperm travel searching for a mature ripened eggs.
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| Fri 16 Apr 2010 -Sat 17 Apr 2010 | * Spermatozoa reach the eggs in the oviducts.
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| Sat 17 Apr 2010 -Sun 18 Apr 2010 | * Fertilisation occurs in the oviducts which lead from the ovaries to the uterus.
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| Sun 18 Apr 2010 -Tue 20 Apr 2010 | * Fertilised eggs migrate down the oviducts and into the uterine horns.
* The migration continue to enable even spacing of the embryos.
* During this migration the eggs will grow into a blastocystes.
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| Mon 26 Apr 2010 -Wed 28 Apr 2010 | * The blastocystes implant in the wall of the uterus.
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| Mon 26 Apr 2010 -Mon 10 May 2010 | * The blastocystes will grow into an embryos.
* During the next two weeks the important organs will develop.
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| Thu 29 Apr 2010 -Thu 6 May 2010 | * Dams nipples begin to pink enlarge.
* The fur on the dams belly and around the nipples may become thinner.
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| Wed 5 May 2010 -Wed 12 May 2010 | * Morning sickness might occur due to hormonal changes or stretching and distension of the uterus. Dam may appear a bit apathetic. She may be off her feed for a while and vomit from time to time.
* Feeding the dam several meals spaced throughout the day might help.
* Your veterinarian may want to prescribe a drug to relax the uterus.
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| Mon 10 May 2010 -Fri 14 May 2010 | * An experienced person (a breeder or a veterinarian) can tell by careful palpation whether the dam is pregnant.
* It's now the best time to do this because the embryos are walnut-sized now and easy to count.
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| Thu 13 May 2010 | * Start to increase the dams food ration.
* Don't overfeed, excessive weight gain should be avoided.
* The foetuses are now and are fully developed miniature dogs.
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| Wed 19 May 2010 | * The Dams abdomen starts to get larger.
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| Sat 29 May 2010 | * It's very easy now to feel the puppies, counting them might be a bit more difficult.
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| Tue 1 Jun 2010 -Wed 9 Jun 2010 | * Dam begins to spend a lot more time in self-grooming.
* Her breasts become even more swollen.
* She may become a bit restlessness and begin to search for a suitable place to have her puppies.
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| Thu 3 Jun 2010 | * The dam might lose her appetite during this period. Her abdomen can be crowded with puppies.
* It is better to feed several smaller meals spaced throughout the day.
* You can easily detect abdominal movement now.
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| Thu 3 Jun 2010 -Fri 18 Jun 2010 | * Nipples and vulva should be gently cleaned with warm water, you might want to trim the hairs surrounding the nipples, to allow easier access for the puppies to suck.
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| Sun 13 Jun 2010 -Wed 16 Jun 2010 | * Milky fluid may be expressed from the nipples.
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| Mon 14 Jun 2010 | * You might want to start taking the dams rectal temperature each morning and evening.
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| Thu 17 Jun 2010 | * Twelve to 24 hours before she is due to deliver, the dams rectal temperature may drop from 101 to 98 degrees.
* Clear discharge from the vulva might occur.
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| Fri 18 Jun 2010 | * Expected date of whelp. Of course this is just an average. Whelping may take place from the 59th to the 65th day. Puppies born before the 58th day will probably be too young to survive.
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