

Pregnancy Calendar for Desi



Mama Desi

Papa Joey

Thu 9
Dec 2021

Day 1

- Ovulation occurs.

Sat 11
Dec 2021

Day 3

- First day of mating.
- Sperm travel searching for mature ripened eggs.

Thu 9
Dec 2021 –
Wed 15
Dec 2021

Week 1

- Ovulation and mating.
- Fertilization occurs.
- 2 cell embryos are in the oviduct.

Thu 16
Dec 2021 –
Wed 22
Dec 2021

Week 2

- Embryos will be 4 cell at start of week and 64 cell by end of week.
- Embryos enter the uterus.
- Feeding small amounts of high protein supplements, such as eggs, lean muscle meats (not pork) or liver is a good practice.

Thu 23
Dec 2021 –
Wed 29
Dec 2021

Week 3

- Embryos implant along uterus wall.
- During the next two weeks important organs in the embryos will develop.
- Mama's nipples begin to turn pink and enlarge.
- Mama may lose appetite during this week.
- Morning sickness may occur.

Thu 30
Dec 2021 –
Wed 5
Jan 2022

Week 4

- Morning sickness should go away and appetite returns.
- Fetal development of eyes, spinal cord and faces takes shape.
- The fur on mama's belly and around the nipples thins.

Thu 6
Jan 2022 –
Wed 12
Jan 2022

Week 5

- Palpation of the abdomen may be able to detect pregnancy. Puppies will feel like small bumps in the abdomen.
- Pregnancy confirmation by ultrasound is possible 30 days after mating or blood test 35 days after.
- Development of toes, whisker buds, and claws.
- Eyes now close and gender can be determined.
- The puppies are now considered fully developed miniature dogs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mama's abdomen may begin to enlarge. She may also gain weight particularly if she is going to birth more than 1-2 puppies.
Thu 13 Jan 2022 – Wed 19 Jan 2022	Week 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the last several weeks, mama's nutritional needs nearly double. Feed small meals several times a day. • Enlargement of mammary glands as nipples darken and enlarge. • Pregnancy blood test January 15 if pregnancy not detectable by palpation.
Thu 20 Jan 2022 – Wed 26 Jan 2022	Week 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mama may shred papers, blankets or bedding in an attempt at "nest building" in the last weeks. • During the last 2 weeks, mama may become irritable and should avoid contact with small children. • Moderate exercise is the proper approach. Neither forced rest nor strenuous exercise is a good idea. Short periods of gentle play and short walks are good. • You may feel the puppies moving now but amniotic fluid will make counting the number unlikely. • Definite abdominal enlargement. • Abdomen hair will start shedding.
Thu 27 Jan 2022 – Wed 2 Feb 2022	Week 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mama begins to spend a lot more time self-grooming. • Her breasts may become swollen as her milk forms. • Nesting increases as she looks for a place to have her puppies. • The mama may not have as big an appetite during this period. Her abdomen can be crowded with puppies. • Mama will spend most of the day stretched out to give puppies room to align for whelping. • Puppy movements will be frequent and easy to feel. • Set up whelping box and allow mama to explore it.
Thu 3 Feb 2022 – Wed 9 Feb 2022	Week 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nipples and vulva should be gently cleaned with warm water, trim the hairs surrounding the nipples to allow easier access for the puppies to nurse. • Start watching for mama's temperature to drop—temperature drop to below 100 degrees signals that whelping is imminent. • She may also become restless and seek seclusion. • Nesting and digging in blankets will increase 12-24 hours before the birth. • Puppy count x-ray February 5.
Thu 10 Feb 2022	Expected Date of Whelp (day 63 from ovulation). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected date of whelp. Average is 63 days from ovulation, but birth may take place from the 58th to the 68th day. • Appetite will disappear as whelping approaches. • May see a clear discharge from the vulva. • At onset of labor may pace, dig, shiver, pant and/or vomit. • First puppy usually will be delivered within 24 hours of the onset of labor.