

When to call the vet during whelping

If pregnancy continues beyond the expected due date.

If the bitch becomes unwell in herself at any time during labour. It can be normal to be inappetent in the 24-48hrs before labour starts.

If a green discharge is seen before any puppies are born.

If 1st stage labour (quiet, nesting, unsettled, very weak occasional contractions) persists for more than 24 hours.

If there is an interval of more than 2 hours between puppies.

If there is weak, intermittent straining for more than 1 hour without a puppy being born.

If there is strong, consistent straining for more than 20 minutes without the birth of the puppy.

If a puppy appears to be stuck in the birth canal and is unable to be born.

If straining continues once all puppies are born.

If each puppy or small group of puppies is not followed by their placentas (bear in mind many bitches eat the placenta so they can easily be missed).

If the birth process stops but you think that there may still be puppies inside.

If you have any other concerns then please ring us at any time on 01993 772627.

