
Breeder and Puppy Supervision and Space Requirements

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3 DAYS PRIOR TO WHELP DATE

- Mom should not be left alone.
- Supervised when outdoors (she may decide to deliver outside and signs of labor are not always obvious.)
- Mom may also nest outside and you may not want large holes dug in your yard.

Whelp + 2 Weeks

■ Pup Supervision/Interaction

- Weigh each pup 2 times a day!
- Prior to or after weighing, gently handle and stroke each pup for 30 to 60 seconds.
- Trim or check nails daily
- Not left alone for more than 2 hours at a time.

■ Pup Space

- Whelping pool or whelping box.
- Whelping pool or Box Location
 - Inside home in warm location. Pups can't regulate their own body temperature (1st week) so warm location is essential.
 - Keep pups away from other pets.

■ Mom

- Check 2-3 times a day for signs of mastitis
- Feed per feeding chart
- Ensure that Mom spends adequate time nursing and stimulating pups
- Not left alone for more than 2 hours at a time.

Whelping Pool (1-2 weeks)



Weeks 3 and 4

■ Pups Supervision/Interaction

- Not left alone for more than 3 hours at a time
- Spend 3-5 minutes per day with each pup , holding and stroking each part of the pups body (including feet) and talking to pup
- Continue to weigh per guidelines (2 times per week)

■ Pups Space/Location

- Whelping pool or box but x-pen surround may be needed if pups start getting out
- Safe location but preferably where pups can hear/see home sounds and activity.

■ Mom

- Continue to check Mom daily for mastitis.
- Feed per feeding chart

3-4 weeks old



X-pen around pool helps keep pups in

3-4 weeks



Ready for Bigger space



14 may need bigger space sooner

WEEKS 5-8

■ Pups Supervision/Interaction

- Not left alone for more than 4 hours at a time
- Spend 20-30 minutes twice per day with the litter, taking care to touch and interact with each pup during each play session.
- Continue to weigh per guidelines (until the pup reaches 10 lbs which is the max weight capability of the scale).

■ Pups Space/Location

- X-pens
 - ≤ 4 pups (48 sq feet) 6x8 feet minimum)
 - 5-8 pups (64 sq feet) 8x8 feet minimum)
 - ≥ 9 pups (108 sq feet) (9x12 feet minimum)
- Safe location
 - Can be outside during day as long as is not too hot or cold.
 - Inside at night (house or garage)

■ Mom

- Continue to monitor mom for mastitis
- Continue to feed per feeding chart
- Important to get pups weaned but make sure that mom is not loaded with milk.

AREA

- X-pen is 8 (2 foot x 2 foot panels)
- 1 x-pen in circle = 20 sq feet
 - 1 x-pen in 4x4 = 16 sq feet
- 2 x-pens in circle = 80 sq feet
 - 2 x-pens in 8x8 feet square = 64 sq feet
- For a large litter 3 x-pens are necessary.

5-6 weeks old (inside and outside)



Morning clean up

7-8 weeks



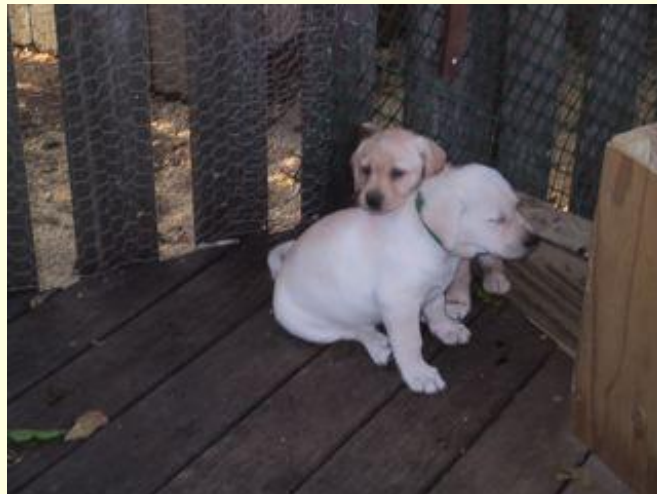
X-Pen SETUPS



7-8 weeks



Dinner outside



Ramp off deck

Different Surface Exposure

1. CCI dogs need to be comfortable walking on many different surfaces. So exposing your puppies to various surfaces in the 5-8 week old period is also good exposure.
 1. linoleum or tile
 2. Rugs or bedding
 3. Pine shavings (in litter box)
 4. Grass/dirt
 5. Crate doors

(beware that puppies explore using their mouth and like to chew so be attentive to what they are chewing on)

Socialization

- Exposure over the 8 week period
 - Try to expose to as many normal household experiences and noises as possible.
 - People of all ages and sizes
 - Healthy family pets (no visiting animals)
 - A variety of safe objects
 - Phone, doorbell, radio, TV, CD in kit, hair dryer, clothes dryer and washer, lawn mower (from a safe distance please!) small power tools (not chainsaw)
 - kitchen noises
 - Microwave, oven timer, pots & pans, dishwasher

Interaction with Others

- Handling by other Adults (other than family)
 - OK at 1 week of age with appropriate instruction.
- Handling by Children >11 years old
 - OK with adult supervision when pups are > 5 weeks old
- Handling by Children 7 to 11 years old
 - Pups must be > 5 weeks old and be supervised by an adult
- Handling by Children <7 years old
 - Children this young should not handle or hold pups without adult assistance.