

## YOUR DOG AND MINE

### FEEDING, CARE AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT

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The bitch after she has been mated and returned to her owner, should be carefully washed with a good dog soap, and it is always advisable, as a means of preventing the prospective litter being troubled with worms, that the brood bitch should, a fortnight after mating, be given a dose of worm medicine, which should be repeated twice at intervals of a week between the doses. Brood bitches are often extremely thirsty so that fresh clean water should always be available. She will require extra food while carrying her puppies, therefore the biscuits should be soaked in broth. A bitch before whelping should be in good condition, but not fat—for the latter condition means trouble at parturition.

The period of gestaton is sixty-three days, but some bitches only go sixty days. A week before the time the bitch is due to whelp a dose of castor oil should be given. Exercise is necessary, but precautions should be taken while the bitch is in whelp to prevent accidents to the unborn puppies. The kennel should be easy to access and roomy, so that assistance can be freely rendered should it be needed, this, however, if the bitch has been suitably fed and judiciously exercised, is seldom the case. But if trouble is apparent don't try to help the bitch yourself, but call in the veterinary surgeon, remember that many good bitches and puppies have been killed through the meddling of inexperienced people.

The brood bitch requires very careful feeding, and a suitable diet is essential to her well being. She should be fed at regular intervals, two meals a day being sufficient. A fairly light allowance for the morning feed and a full meal for the evening feed. It should be remembered that a good dog cake given dry not only provide your dog with congenial occupation, but materially assist in producing a healthy flow of saliva, so necessary to digestion, with the further advantage of acting as a cleansing agent for the teeth. Under the conditions in which dogs are generally kept a portion of fresh vegetables is not only desirable, but necessary for keeping them in good health.

The bitch now needs repose and should not be disturbed; but when she is seen engaged actively with her maternal duties, a good strong meat broth thickened, may be offered her. If she refuses it, wait patiently, taking the food away and trying her with it after an interval of a few hours, always presenting the food warm but not hot. Twenty four hours after whelping induce her to leave the pups for half an hour, and take the opportunity of removing any litter that is soiled. Daily increase, by slight degrees, the time she is kept absent from her pups, until she takes it voluntarily.

There should be a good sized vessel containing water within easy reach of the bitch, as her troubles promote thirst; and, for the first two days after the puppies come into the world, the best food to give is oat-meal gruel, not too thick at first, made with milk. She should have as much of this as she cares to take.

The number of whelps it is safe to give the bitch to bring up demands upon circumstances and the size, strength, and breed of the animals, the time of the year, as in winter the youngsters require more attention from their dam than in summer, and above all things, her supply of milk. About five or six puppies, however, may be regarded as being the maximum number that a fair sized animal can rear with comfort, and if this number is reduced by one or two it will probably be better for the mother and her young. The possession of a few strong, vigorous puppies is far preferable to the acquisition of a kennelful of weeds, and it must also be remembered that many a valuable animal has had her health permanently injured by the drain upon her constitution in bringing up too many.

Common sense is a valuable asset in the care of the brood bitch before and after whelping. About ten days before the litter is expected she should be put into the kennel where she is to have her puppies, as this allows her ample time to get accustomed to her surroundings. A straw bed should be provided just a day or so before, and this may be left until about a week afterwards. Exercise should be freely allowed until about the six week of gestation, when only gentle movement should be permitted.

Feeding throughout demands careful consideration and attention, and any tendency to fatten unduly should be checked by providing a smaller quantity of food; superfluous flesh is extremely undesirable. On the other hand, if the bitch appears to be growing thinner, more nourishing and sustaining foods should be given and in increased quantities.

After the whelps begin to move about and feed well by themselves, it is desirable that the bitch should be removed from them for half an hour or so now and then, as the change does her good and she is spared the constant persecution of her progeny. The treatment and weaning of puppies is dealt with in the next section but it may be added that, after the litter is finally weaned, it is a good plan to give the mother a dose or two of cooling medicine. For this purpose a course of sulphur tablets may be prescribed with confidence. Should there be any trouble with an overflow of milk, rub the stomach twice a day for a day or two with camphorated oil. The best veterinary advice should be sought, however, if any serious trouble arise now or during whelping.

(continued next week)

## GALENA

Miss Bliss Jarman, has accepted a position with the Berg Boat Co., at Georgetown, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Walters and Jack Walters, of Still Pond, Md., spent last Sunday with the formers sister, Mrs. Lemull Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fitspatrick, Miss Clark Linthcum, of Baltimore, Md., were visitors in town on Decoration Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivanhoe Willis, of Marshallton, visited Mrs. Lemuel Mark in town last Sunday.

Messrs. Price Stradley, Brooks Watson, Sammy Ford, attended the Athletic meet in Baltimore, Md., sponsored by the P. A. L.

Dr. William Redding and daughter, Patricia, of Washington, D. C., spent the past week end with his aunt, Mrs. Linda Walls.

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson and son, Lloyd, of Eurkee, Kansas, are guests of her sister, Mrs. Ernest Hicks, Dr. Johnson, will be remembered as Miss Elizabeth Whitaker.

Mrs. Thomsa Caldwell moved last Saturday from Cecilton, Md., to the Morgan Property on Main Street.

Mrs. Merchant moved from the 'Morgan House' to Cecilton, Md.

Mrs. Harry Smith and son, Harry, of Salisbury, Md., were week end guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Scotton.

Miss Mary Carroll Smith of N. Y. C., N. Y., spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Smith.

Mr. Clement West, of Chester, Pa., was a week end guest of Mr. John Mullin, of near town.

Mr. Edgar Moore, of Media, Pa., spent several days last week here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Colgain, of Wilmington, Del., visited friends and relatives in town over the week end.

Mrs. James Scotton, Richard and Selma Scotton, Miss Annie Hayes visited the latters sister, Mrs. William Money, near Worton, Md.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll and family, of Dover, Del., spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Mrs. Moore and daughters, of Reading, Pa., Misses Hilda Erickson, Mrabel Green were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Godwin.

Childrens Day will be observed in the Galena M. E. Church on Sunday, June 9.

Mr. William Stradley, of Wilmington, Del., spent last week with his sister, Mrs. George Johnson.

Miss Ethelie Prettyman, of Baltimore, Md., spent last week end with her mother, Mrs. A. P. Prettyman.

Mr. Charles Emory, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Dudley Clough, near town.

Mrs. John Ahern is spending a few days with friends in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fogwell and family spent last Sunday with the formers daughter and family in Hockesson, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Devine, of Middletown, Del., were Sunday visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. James Quinn.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Zeiders, of Baltimore, Md., are guests of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Roe, of Dover, Del., spent last Sunday with his father, Mr. Roe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, of N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, of Philadelphia, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Berg, in Georgetown, Md., over Decoration Day.

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson is spending several weeks in Ocean City, Md., where she will join her son, William who is vacationing there.

Miss Helen Fogwell returned home last Sunday after spending a week as guest of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Caldwell in Felton, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walls and daughter, Theresa Ann, of near Millington, Md., spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCosh Walls, near town.

Mr. James Davis, III, of Wilmington, Del., spent Decoration Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Davis, Jr.

Total value of principal crops grown in Maryland in 1929, the year that is generally credited with being the beginning of the depression, was $80,403,000. Total value of principal crops grown in the state during 1934 amounted to $47,691,000.

## MARYLAND WHEAT CROP SHORT

It is estimated by the Maryland Crop Reporting Service that the winter wheat crop in this state is 20 per cent below the average of the last five years. This is accounted for by the fact that acreage is 13 per cent below average.

Condition of the growng crop in the state is said to be above average, although field work has been retarded by frequent rains and warmer weather is needed generally.

Results of a farm housing survey made in Maryland last year showed, among other things, that of 54,000 farm homes in the state, nine per cent are made of brick and 77 per cent are of frame construction.

It was also found that only six per cent of these houses have been erected during the last decade. Thirty per cent of the 54,000 homes are from 25 to 50 years old and fifty per cent are over 50 years of age.





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