

This is a worming guide for anyone who is breeding dogs, whether that be in a home environment, or in kennels. If you require any further information, please do give us a call.

THE BITCH

To breed healthy puppies, you need a healthy bitch. Many people are unaware that the main worm that affects puppies (*Toxocara Canis*) can pass to the puppies while they are in the womb, and then once they are born, through the mother's milk. Therefore, it is very important to reduce the worm burden of the bitch during pregnancy.



Panacur small animal 10% oral suspension is licensed and therefore ruled safe for the use during the last 1/3 of pregnancy.

Dose: 1ml per 4kg by mouth everyday from day 40 of pregnancy, until 2 days after whelping. (20kg dog needs 5ml daily). Give with or after food.

Don't panic- if your bitch is already over 40 days in Pup and you haven't done this, you can start at any point. It will always be better than nothing at all.

KG	Panacur 10% Dose
4 kg	1 ml daily for approx. 25 days
8 kg	2 ml daily for approx. 25 days
12 kg	3 ml daily for approx. 25 days
20 kg	5 ml daily for approx. 25 days
40 kg	10 ml daily for approx. 25 days

If the Pups are now born, and the bitch has not been wormed during pregnancy, treat her with the adult dog dose: 1ml/kg as a one-off dose (20kg dog needs 20ml once, with or after food). It's a good idea to do this before or after treating the puppies if possible so Mum and Pups are not on treatment at the same time. The Pups will already be carrying worms caught in the womb, but we can try and kill the ones in the milk in this treatment.

THE PUPPIES

We use the same product to worm young puppies (**Panacur small animal 10%**), but the dose is different. Regardless of whether you have wormed the bitch or not during pregnancy, all puppies should be wormed as follows:

Dose: 0.5ml/kg given once a day for 3 days in a row at weeks 2, 5, 8 old.

Pups kept in kennels past 8 weeks old should be wormed again at 12 weeks, and then every 6 weeks until 6 months old. After 8 weeks you can change to a different product, if you prefer like Milbemax.

KG	Panacur 10% Dose
Up to 1 kg	0.5 ml daily for 3 days
1 to 2 kg	1 ml daily for 3 days
2 to 4 kg	2 ml daily for 3 days
4 to 6 kg	3 ml daily for 3 days
6 to 8 kg	4 ml daily for 3 days
8 to 10 kg	5 ml daily for 3 days

Why does this matter- I've bred for years and never done this? Worms can cause reduction in growth rate, strength and when present in high enough numbers can cause illness and diarrhoea- which can be fatal. Regardless of what type of dog you are breeding, ensuring they grow well, and are healthy is our number one priority.

What should I do if my pups haven't been wormed and are now 7 weeks old? (For example) Regardless of the age, if you haven't done any worming treat all pups at the puppy dose (0.5ml/kg) for 3 days, and then repeat the treatment in 2 weeks time. REMEMBER to worm the bitch as well! Then continue to worm as described above.

**** REMEMBER Docking before 3 days old, Microchip before they leave and 1st Vacc at 8 weeks old ****