

Zimzala K9 Training

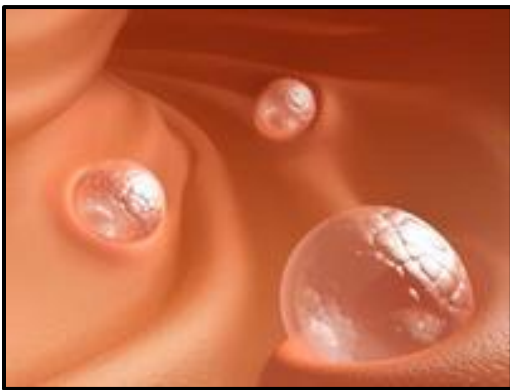
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Weekly Pregnancy Progression

Week 3

NIDATION

Nidation is the implantation of an embryo in the lining of the uterus. In dogs this occurs roughly around 18 to 20 days after the preovulatory LH surge. They will continue to develop in the uterus through the remainder of the pregnancy. They will progressively be enveloped in a protective membrane that provides them with the necessary supply of nutrients. This transient organ, the placenta, will be expelled at birth and very often eaten by the bitch.



While this is occurring, you should continue your normal routine, walking and feeding just like you did before your dog was pregnant. If you notice an increase in your dog's appetite, you may increase her food just a little, but ensure that there is no excess weight gain.

At this stage there really is nothing more to do. Continue daily exercise, normal feeding ratio and checking that your girl is healthy and happy. You can be on the look out for a slight indication of morning sickness. This can be a positive sign and will keep hopes up for future puppies!!