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Breeder's Corner



The Breeder as Artist - Emmy Bruno



"Breeding is a creative act, a continuous conquest, striving towards an ideal that is, by definition, unattainable. Sometimes we get closer, sometimes a little less, but the important thing is to have a clear idea of what we want to get. Mauro De Cillis wrote: "To fulfil an idea, be it a painting or a dog, you first have to have the ability to conceive it." I worked for a long time around this idea, I challenged my views, studied, wrote, looked for confirmation...to come to a very specific image in my mind." - profile in 2019-2022 World of Dogs

Do you have a picture in your mind of your goals? What is the balance of artist and scientist in your breeding program? [Let us know](#)

Diagnostic Insights of Canine Mastitis

By Ilona Kasak et al, Warsaw University of Life Sciences.

Disorders of the mammary gland are frequent health problems in bitches of various ages. Among them mastitis is relatively common, especially in lactating bitches or in false pregnancy. When left untreated it can be life-threatening, so proper diagnosis and specific treatment are of great importance. Standard diagnostic methods, involving clinical examination, blood tests and cytological examination of mammary gland secretion may be insufficient, especially in the case of subclinical mastitis. In order to provide a rapid and more precise diagnosis inflammatory biomarkers need to be assayed. Acute phase proteins (CRP or SAA) detected in serum and milk samples seem to be the most accurate inflammatory biomarkers to diagnose canine mastitis, as their



concentrations are significantly higher in bitches suffering from mastitis than in healthy bitches.

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Mastitis - Prevention and Treatment

By Miranda Peyton

Mastitis is a bacterial infection of the mammary glands. Breeders need to monitor their dam closely after whelp as mastitis can become very serious in only a few hours. Detected and treated early, many cases of mastitis resolve quickly and without veterinary treatment. Get into the habit of examining and running your hands down her breasts several times each day checking for redness, heat, hardness or sores. All of these could be indicators of mastitis.



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What do you feel are the biggest risk factors for mastitis?

Age of the dam

Large Litter size

Singletons

C-Section vs Natural Whelping

Identifying Risk Factors for Mastitis - Lection, Cornelius et al

Mastitis in postpartum bitch is a disease that affects wellbeing of both dam and pups that rely on their mother's milk as the sole source of nutrition during a critical growth period. Risk factors for canine mastitis have not been well-studied and this



information could help veterinarians and breeders identify females that may need closer monitoring. Goal of this study was to identify risk factors for postpartum mastitis in bitch. We hypothesized that age, breed, litter size, and whelping interventions are associated with risk of developing mastitis in postpartum bitch. A retrospective cohort study was performed using data from 2 guide dog colonies over a 13-year period. A total of 2,489 whelpings occurred during study period. All bitches were monitored closely and mastitis was diagnosed by colony veterinarian.

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Affected dogs receive treatment over three months and then provide fecal samples and symptom diary.

[More Information](#)

In the US: Early Detection of Osteosarcoma. Blood, plasma and serum samples needed from large and giant breed dogs at least 4.5 years old with no previous cancer diagnosis. [More Information](#)

Puppy Referral System

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