

nutrition for the pregnant dog



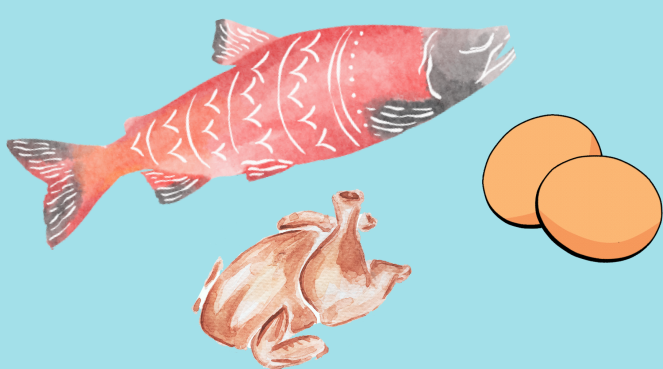
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It is important to provide pregnant dogs with a high-quality, highly digestible diet throughout gestation to support fetal growth and development

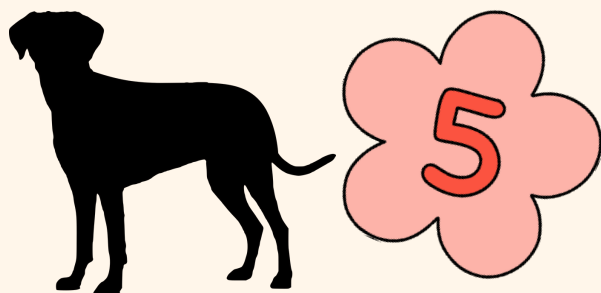
Weeks 1-5

Feed an adult maintenance complete and balanced diet made from high-quality ingredients including animal-based protein and fats.



To promote healthy eye and brain development, incorporate foods that are rich in the omega-3 fatty acid DHA, such as cold water fish oil or salmon oil.

Weeks 1-5



Week 6

Energy requirements begin to increase. Begin transition to a high-quality, nutritionally complete and balanced puppy food

Week 7



Week 8

Provide several meals a day or free choice feeding to ensure adequate food intake as abdominal space will be limited.

Week 9



energy requirement: adult maintenance

It is important to maintain optimal body condition. Overweight dogs are at increased risk of dystocia.

energy requirement: maintenance + 10%



energy requirement: week 6 + 10%

Feed a puppy diet that contains at least 29% protein, 17% fat (dry matter basis) with high amounts of soluble carbohydrates, low fiber, and DHA.

energy requirement: week 7 + 10%



energy requirement: week 8 + 10%

Continue to feed several meals a day or free choice.