

# Newborn Puppy Care & Weight Tracker

A practical first-weeks record for every puppy in the litter.

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Before the birth

Agree your vet and out-of-hours contact, prepare the whelping area, and know how you will transport mum or puppies safely.

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| ■ | Vet and emergency numbers saved                                             |
| ■ | Clean bedding and safe heat source ready                                    |
| ■ | Digital scales accurate to the gram available                               |
| ■ | Identification method for each puppy agreed                                 |
| ■ | Suitable puppy milk replacer discussed with vet - not improvised cow's milk |

## First 72 hours

Check frequently without creating needless disturbance. Warmth and feeding are priorities. A cold, weak or continuously crying puppy can deteriorate quickly.

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| ■ | Puppy breathing and free of membranes                                      |
| ■ | Each puppy has fed                                                         |
| ■ | Puppies warm, settled and able to move away from heat                      |
| ■ | Mum comfortable, drinking and attentive                                    |
| ■ | Vet contacted about any weakness, discharge, pain, fever or poor mothering |

## Daily weight record

Weigh at the same time on the same scales. Record the number; do not rely on memory. Contact your vet if a puppy fails to gain, loses weight, cannot feed or seems unwell.

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| ■ | Day 1: _____ g  |
| ■ | Day 2: _____ g  |
| ■ | Day 3: _____ g  |
| ■ | Day 4: _____ g  |
| ■ | Day 5: _____ g  |
| ■ | Day 6: _____ g  |
| ■ | Day 7: _____ g  |
| ■ | Week 2: _____ g |
| ■ | Week 3: _____ g |
| ■ | Week 4: _____ g |

## Red flags

Urgent veterinary advice is needed for breathing difficulty, coldness that does not resolve, weakness, constant crying, failure to feed, vomiting, diarrhoea, abnormal discharge, injury or a mother who is unwell.

**Important:** This tracker is general education and cannot replace veterinary care. Newborn puppies can worsen rapidly; when in doubt, contact your vet.

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