

## **FAQ on Feline Pregnancy**

### **How long is the pregnancy?**

The average pregnancy length is 64-69 days.

### **How is pregnancy diagnosed?**

Radiographs at 45 days of pregnancy or ultrasound at 30 days (we do not offer this service here).

### **What are the signs of labor?**

Restlessness is often the first sign of labor. This first phase often continues for 12 – 24 hours. Nesting behavior may also occur during this time. Cats may also display aggressive behavior towards strangers and may have a decreased appetite.

### **What happens during delivery?**

Usually all kittens are birthed within 2-6 hours, with usually not more than 30 minutes between kittens. Some cats may seek out owner; others wish to be left alone. If more than 90 minutes between kittens call a veterinarian.

### **What should I do?**

Provide the momma cat with a box and clean, dry bedding. Put her in a dark quiet place and check on her periodically. Do not stay the whole time unless the cat gets distressed when you leave. Make sure there is one placenta per kitten passed – this may be hard to determine as mom often ingests them. Bring mom and her litter into the veterinarian the next day for an exam.