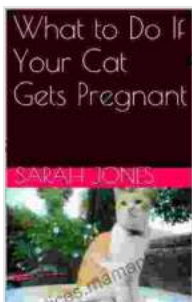


What to Do If Your Cat Gets Pregnant: A Comprehensive Guide for Cat Owners



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If you're a cat owner, it's important to be aware of the signs of pregnancy in cats and what to do if your cat does become pregnant. In this article, we'll cover everything you need to know about cat pregnancy, from the early signs to the stages of labor and delivery.

Signs of Pregnancy in Cats

The most common signs of pregnancy in cats are:

- Increased appetite
- Weight gain
- Changes in behavior, such as becoming more affectionate or withdrawn
- Enlarged abdomen

- Milk production

If you think your cat may be pregnant, it's important to take her to the vet for confirmation. Your vet can perform an ultrasound or blood test to confirm the pregnancy and determine how far along your cat is.

Stages of Pregnancy in Cats

Cat pregnancy lasts for an average of 63 days, but it can vary from 58 to 70 days. The stages of pregnancy in cats are:

- **Week 1-3:** The fertilized egg implants in the uterus and begins to grow. The embryo is very small at this stage and there are no visible signs of pregnancy.
- **Week 4-6:** The embryo begins to develop into a fetus and the fetus's organs begin to form. The fetus is about the size of a grape at this stage.
- **Week 7-9:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's fur begins to grow. The fetus is about the size of a walnut at this stage.
- **Week 10-12:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's bones begin to harden. The fetus is about the size of a golf ball at this stage.
- **Week 13-15:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's eyes begin to open. The fetus is about the size of a tennis ball at this stage.
- **Week 16-18:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's lungs begin to develop. The fetus is about the size of a small orange at this stage.
- **Week 19-21:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's hair begins to grow. The fetus is about the size of a large orange at this stage.

- **Week 22-24:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's teeth begin to develop. The fetus is about the size of a grapefruit at this stage.
- **Week 25-27:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's claws begin to develop. The fetus is about the size of a small cantaloupe at this stage.
- **Week 28-30:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's body fat begins to develop. The fetus is about the size of a large cantaloupe at this stage.
- **Week 31-33:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's lungs are fully developed. The fetus is about the size of a small watermelon at this stage.
- **Week 34-36:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus's head begins to descend into the pelvis. The fetus is about the size of a large watermelon at this stage.
- **Week 37-39:** The fetus continues to grow and the fetus is ready to be born. The fetus is about the size of a small pumpkin at this stage.
- **Week 40-42:** The fetus is born.

Care for Pregnant Cats

Pregnant cats need special care to ensure a healthy pregnancy and delivery. Here are some tips for caring for pregnant cats:

- **Provide a nutritious diet:** Pregnant cats need a diet that is high in protein and calories. You can feed your cat a high-quality commercial cat food that is designed for pregnant cats or you can make your own homemade cat food.

- **Provide plenty of water:** Pregnant cats need plenty of water to stay hydrated. Make sure your cat has access to fresh water at all times.
- **Give your cat a quiet place to rest:** Pregnant cats need a quiet place to rest where they can feel safe and secure. You can provide your cat with a bed or a box lined with blankets.
- **Take your cat to the vet for regular checkups:** Your vet can monitor your cat's pregnancy and make sure that your cat and her kittens are healthy. Your vet can also provide you with advice on how to care for your pregnant cat.

Labor and Delivery in Cats

Most cats are able to give birth without any problems. However, some cats may need assistance from a veterinarian. Here are some signs that your cat may need assistance from a veterinarian:

- Labor has lasted for more than 24 hours.
- Your cat is straining but no kittens are being born.
- Your cat is bleeding heavily.
- Your cat is in distress.

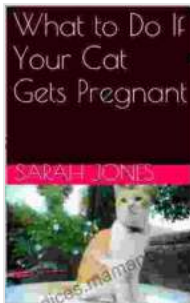
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After the Birth

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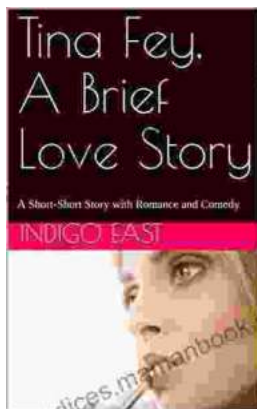
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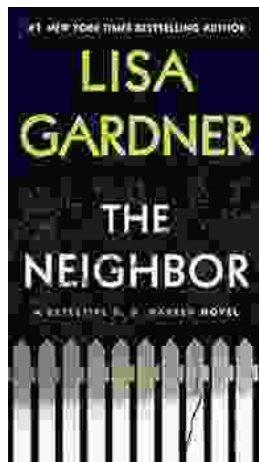
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