

UNIT THREE – QUESTION ONE

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- 1) What is the average gestation period of a cat?
--61 – 63 days
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- 2) What is a false pregnancy?
--the cat displays physical and emotional signs of pregnancy but is not carrying kittens
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- 3) When should a pregnant cat be given a health examination?
--During the first two weeks of pregnancy
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- 4) How often should a pregnant cat be fed during the last month of her pregnancy?
--2-3 times per day
Page 22 Column 2 Paragraph 2
- 5) At what point does milk appear in the cat's mammary glands?
--About the eighth week of pregnancy
Page 22 Column 2 Paragraph 3
- 6) What should be done if a pregnant cat's mammary glands become hard and cracked?
--Apply hot packs and small amounts of olive oil
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- 7) What should you do to a long-haired cat just prior to delivery?
--Trim away the hair around her nipples, anus and vagina
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- 8) Normally, how long does it take for all the kittens to be born?
--Two to Eight hours
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- 9) When should you call a veterinarian during the cat's labor?
--If the cat labors more than eight hours
--If more than three hours elapse between kittens
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- Why might a mother cat eat the placentas?
--It may be a way of removing all traces of the birth
--It provides her with nourishment
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- 10) Why is it important to be sure a placenta is not retained?
--It could interfere with the birth of the next kitten
--It will decompose and cause infection
Page 23 Column 1 Paragraph 5
- 11) What is dystocia?
--Difficulty in delivering kittens
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- 12) What are the causes of dystocia?
--Disease
--Malfunction of the reproductive system
Page 23 Column 2 Paragraph 3
- 13) What is a breech delivery?
--The kitten comes out hind feet first
Page 23 Column 2 Paragraph 3
- 14) What is the cause of eclampsia?
--Depletion of blood calcium
Page 23 Column 2 Paragraph 6
- 15) What are _____ symptoms of eclampsia?
--Panting --Loss of appetite
--Temperature over 103 degrees
--Stilted walk --Convulsions
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1 What is the treatment for eclampsia?
--Have a veterinarian give her an injection of calcium gluconate into her bloodstream

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2 What is the normal color of the discharge from a cat's vagina after it has had kittens?

--Red or dark red

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3 If a mother cat has an infection of the uterus, what color is the vaginal discharge?

--Greenish, greenish-yellow or white

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4 What could cause a mother cat to have a greenish-yellow vaginal discharge?

--She may have retained a placenta which caused an infection

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5 How do you check for dehydration in a kitten?

--Pinch the skin at the back of the neck with your thumb and forefinger, then quickly release it. If the kitten is dehydrated, the skin will not return to its former position but will remain pinched.

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6 At what age does a mother cat begin to wean kittens?

--4 to 5 weeks

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7 At what age are kittens totally weaned?

--8 weeks

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