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## Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/26 10:37

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Lebec Briards has joined us with no time to spare! They've got babies due tomorrow. The camera is installed, and USB wires are being strung to get the camera closer to the whelping box. Hopefully we'll have our first live birth on camera, if they can get the camera where they need it in time, if not, we'll have a newborn litter of Briards to watch soon!

Watch her camera here:

<http://www.marestare.com/briard.php>

The camera may go up and down as they get those wires attached, and fiddle with camera placement. If she goes into labor on camera, and I see it, I'll send out a general email so all can watch if they're home and awake.

Sending best wishes for a nice easy labor and delivery for "Dizzie": <http://www.briard.com/litters/dizziexrhett.html>

:cheer:

Dian

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/27 15:18

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It looks like Dizzie will be our first whelping on camera! She sure seems to be in business!

Best of luck for an easy whelping.

Dian

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/27 15:34

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Got Dizzy's cam up and am eagerly watching ... except I have to take time out to go to doc. Ah, I might miss the blessed events, but will be happy to see the furbabies when I get back. Thanks for letting us watch.

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by critter\_country - 2008/10/27 15:52

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I am watching for a little bit. Good luck to the cute mom to be on the cam!

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/27 16:11

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Im so excited for ya all.....Happy thoughts for a safe and healthy welping.....Im watchin

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by shep - 2008/10/27 16:22

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Safe & easy whelping to Dizzie and her human mom. :) Can't wait to see the wee ones!

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/27 16:35

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Hi-

I can't believe how easy it was to get online. Would have been even easier with a spare laptop, but I'll manage! Thanks to Dian and Heather, webcams are no longer a complete mystery.

Dizzie is very content right now, wish she was a little more restless to show she was getting closer. I'm sure she'll start about midnight, just to show who's in charge. I'm lucky her mom Claude is here, to watch her while we wait. Usually I'm the one sitting in the box, waiting for a contraction. We did progesterone testing and an AI, so I'm pretty clear pups are due today. If anyone wants to see the sire, the litter info is at <http://www.briard.com/litters/dizziexrhett.html>.

If anyone has any suggestions on camera angles, lighting, etc, please send 'em my way! I'm completely new to this whole thing. I love that there is a forum and site like this, and will be heading to showdog-L next to talk it up.

Jeanne  
Lebec Briards

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/27 16:49

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Hi Jeanne.I just love the red bows in her hair! I see she is keeping your feet warm.How cute..Can't wait to see the wee ones.She is gorgeous by the way.....

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by barbw - 2008/10/27 17:26

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I hope Im doing this right ;)  
I love Dizzy She is a real beauty... Heres to a safe delivery...

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by Summersun - 2008/10/27 17:30

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/27 17:33

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What a nice view! Great camera position. :cheer:

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/27 17:50

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What browser are you using?

Di

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Summersun - 2008/10/27 17:52

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I am using Internet Explorer. I cannot view ANY of the marestare cams except Elements Arabians. Even Rich is at a loss as to what to do. Im having major marestare withdrawals. Wish my darn PC hadnt crashed. :angry: Its driving me crazy. I have installed, reinstalled, and deleted numerous things and still no cams.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by shep - 2008/10/27 17:53

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What a great new cam angle! Not sure I can stay up til midnight with you but sending good thoughts your way!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/27 18:12

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When I got a laptop with Vista I couldn't keep the cams up either, until I made the laptop not wireless by actually plugging the laptop into the router, and of course I keep it plugged into the wall too to keep in charged. So don't know whether it's a Vista issue or a laptop issue, but try connecting the router to the laptop.

I believe I had to buy an ethernet cable to plug laptop into router.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/27 18:16

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I got back from doc and chores in time ... still no pups, but I'm up far into the night. I have a new kitten who "wakes up" at midnight and tears through the house, keeping me awake!! And I'm an insomniac anyway, but was having foaling withdrawals, so whelping is right up my alley! Thanks for inviting us in!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/27 19:08

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by labornursesue - 2008/10/27 19:11

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What a sweetheart Dizzy is, she is panting and has her front paws crossed, hopefully not her back legs.I have her up:lol:

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/27 19:26

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Ah, redmustangwoman, isn't she beautiful. I've never seen this breed before. Love the bows in her hair!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Freshwater - 2008/10/27 19:28

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I'm so excited, I wish this whelp goes easily and we can enjoy from this wonderful site. I love to learn, an as a visual person this is the greatest option to do it. I can't wait. Best wishes to Dizzy and her whelping teammate.  
<http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/DSC00014.JPG>

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/27 19:40

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I goofed when I sent out the announcement, and spelled her name "Dizzy", rather than Dizzie (although, today, she's probably feeling a bit dizzy!). B)

My bad, and my apologies to our expectant mom, who is taking her own sweet time, and enjoying the company she has in her whelping box!

Dian

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Robin - 2008/10/27 21:50

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I have Vista on my laptop and have no specail programs installed and can view just fine. But, I do know of alot of other issues I have with Vista.

Good luck,

Robin

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/27 23:00

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Do we know where Dizzie et al. are. I thought maybe my camera froze on an empty whelping box.

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/27 23:06

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Even as we speak, there she is!!

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/27 23:16

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Probably out walking and digging to help labor along. It's hard to haul the computer and camera along .

Is this pic sweet or what?:

<http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/comfort.jpg>

Di

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/27 23:44

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To all of you marestare addicts, you need to know that labor in a dog isn't as quick as labor in a horse. From first stage to delivery can take a long time, but, the good news is, that there is more than one baby, so if you miss one birth, you're likely to see one of them later on . Average duration between puppies is 1-2 hours (although they can whelp faster or slower), so you're likely to catch one if you doze in the early stages. \*You\* can doze...Dizzie's Mom has to stay up . I can tell you that after a litter of puppies, I am pretty exhausted. Dan and I are up for three days non-stop after delivery (we take turns sleeping for a couple of hours), so we're pretty useless by the time the puppies are a week old.

Oh darn.. the camera just went down. Hopefully they'll get it back online soon.

Di :whistle:

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/27 23:46

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Cam down.

And back up.

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/28 00:00

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I spoke to Jeanne on the phone. Her younger dogs decided to get under the desk and unplug the camera. :laugh:

It seems Dizzie occasionally decides to take a stroll into the living room to visit the other dogs, leaving the whelping box empty. Worry not if you see an empty box -- she's just out stretching her legs.

So, all you watchers can go to bed. Dizzie is in \*early\* labor. Check back in sometime in the wee hours or in the morning. Jeanne's husband has almost finished his book (hope it is a good one). I guess he'll have to start a new book, or Jeanne will have to take over!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by luv2ridesaddleseat - 2008/10/28 07:32

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I'm here for the day to watch the "Princess"!! I miss puppy breath so much! Prayers for a safe whelping!

What a beautiful girl she is!!!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/28 10:34

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Good morning. I see the princess is still taking her time. :woohoo:

Everyone concerned must be pretty tired.

I had a girl who absolutely refused to labor without one of us in the box with her. She'd literally stop contracting if we left. It looks like our miss Dizzie is just that sort of dog. She wants mom and dad around. Everytime they so much as shift their weight, she gets up. Boy, does that make for an exhausting few days!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/28 10:44

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Dizzie is a perfectly happy, content bitch who just doesn't want to whelp! We were pretty sure of the due date, 64 days ago she hit 4.9 progesterone. 63 days ago, she was at 8.1. All I can figure is she held below 5 long enough to make today the actual due date. We did Transcervical AI's 61 and 59 days ago, using fresh chilled. Meanwhile, she spends part of her time in the whelping box, but she also likes to lay on the cool tile outside the box. She has huge boobs full of milk, and they feel very warm. I'm sure the tile feels good on them. She is finally starting to show some signs that she actually will spit out pups. She's more restless, is licking her vulva some, and I think is having small contractions. Still has her appetite, though!

I should explain, Claude is Claude Marie, female and married to Steve. Dizzie lives with them, unless she is having pups or Claude comes down from Northern CA to show. I bred Dizzie, and Claude and I do a lease for her litters (this is #2). Claude can't really raise a litter, as she has Meniers syndrome, and gets dizzy a lot getting up and down (hence Dizzie's name). So if you see Claude stagger, she hasn't been tipping, she just likes to bounce off the walls as she goes. Hopefully she got a good night of sleep last night - without it she really does go sideways! I got about 4 hours total, I think.

It was neat to get a post from a breeder I know in Australia, who was watching Dizzie live. This webcam thing is great.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by kytten - 2008/10/28 11:34

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I'm here from Marestare and have Dizzie up over there. I don't mind if she takes a couple days having these babies (though I'm sure her watchful owners do), she's adorable, seems so loving and is a joy to have up on my screen. :)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/28 11:35

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damejudy wrote:

Ah, redmustangwoman, isn't she beautiful. I've never seen this breed before. Love the bows in her hair! She sure is beautiful. Im keeping an eye on her.....She sure is a lovebug too!!!!

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/28 11:58

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Well, color me embarrassed. :blush: I figured Claude was a he, and not being able to see a face (and with loose fitting clothes), I didn't question my assumption. Silly me!

Glad Dizzie is moving right along! She's darling. I love the pensive look in her eyes when someone gets up or comes near the box.

Di

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/28 12:32

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Claude is actually from France. Last month we were at our National, and met another frenchwoman called Claudia. It turned out her real name was Claude, but she eventually gave up using it in this country, because of the gender confusion. Dizzie's Claude is much more stubborn! I have learned though that when I talk about Steve and Claude, a lot of people assume they are a gay couple. So you are not alone.

I told Claude wearing all black today was a non-camera friendly choice.

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by Freshwater - 2008/10/28 13:44

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Seems that Dizzie is getting ready, this is so exiting!!!!

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/28 13:44

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Is the washing (nipping with a horse), pacing, circling, and nesting/digging that she's doing now any clue that she's ready, like it would be with a mare?

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/28 14:13

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briardlady wrote:

I told Claude wearing all black today was a non-camera friendly choice.

Only problem with black clothes is when Dizzie lies on top of you -- can't tell where dog begins and human leaves off.

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

damejudy wrote:

Is the washing (nipping with a horse), pacing, circling, and nesting/digging that she's doing now any clue that she's ready, like it would be with a mare?

Here is a little mini tutorial:

Approximately one day before whelping, the level of progesterone in the blood, which has been high throughout pregnancy, falls to levels not seen since the dog first went into heat. Many breeders are now using in-home progesterone testing (or go to the vet for it), although many do not. Within 14 hours of this progesterone drop, there will be a fall in the dog's rectal temperature (normally around 100 to 102 degrees F; prior to whelping, the temperature may drop below 99 F). Most breeders take temps on their bitches for almost a week prior to whelping, in order to monitor the normal morning and evening temp for any given bitch. This temperature decrease is usually followed by labor within 12 to 24 hours.

Labor consists of three different stages:

Stage I begins with the first contractions of the uterus and ends when the cervix is completely open and ready for puppies to pass out through the birth canal. Owners cannot usually see the contractions, but your dog may exhibit panting, restlessness, vomiting, anorexia (loss of appetite) and nesting behavior. Stage I may last from six to 24 hours.

Stages II and III alternate with one another in dogs: Stage II ends with the delivery of a pup, whereas Stage III ends with the expulsion of the pup's placenta. It may take between 15 minutes and two hours between the deliveries of one pup and his placenta and the next. Most breeders become concerned if it takes longer than two hours between delivery of puppies or if their dog has been actively straining to deliver a pup longer than 30 minutes with no success.

Puppies may be born head or tail first. Breech deliveries are perfectly normal in dogs. Some puppies are born in the sac, some are not.

This page may help:

<http://www.blueknightlabs.com/content/view/73/111/>

Every breeder does things very differently. As you see, Lebec has all the whelping supplies either in the box (on the rail), and just outside of the box, so all neonatal care can be done in the box with the mother. I (Blue Knight), bring the newborn puppy out of the box to a table just outside of the box, where all my equipment is. Lebec uses rick rack ribbon to identify puppies (I asked), and Blue Knight uses nail polish to I.D. puppies. Some breeders don't individually I.D. puppies at all. There is no right or wrong way -- everyone does what works for them. I think, however, you will see that every responsible dog breeder has 'similar' ways of handling deliveries -- the dog is not left alone, the puppies are immediately tended to in some manner, and everyone is closely observed for several days following delivery. Some breeders permit their bitches to cut the cords and break the sacs, some prefer to cut the cords themselves (to prevent the bitch from pulling the cord and omentum out of the abdomen). Some bitches are very comfortable with breeder intervention, some are not, so often breeder participation depends on how the bitch is responding to their interventions. Some of us are quite aggressive in getting a puppy to breathe, some are less aggressive. It often depends on past experiences. If you see a breeder swinging a puppy, what they are doing, is trying to use centrifical force to force fluids out of the lungs of a puppy. This can look scary to those who do not understand the technique. The puppy is well supported (head and neck) when this is done, and usually results in a \*lot\* of fluid being removed from the lungs of the puppy. There are a few vets who now worry about a sort of "shaking baby syndrome" with this technique. Basically, every breeder does what they believe works best for them and their dogs, and in a manner that has proven successful for them in the past.

My own philosophy, is "you can't kill a dead puppy", so breeders with a similar philosophy will become very aggressive with non-responsive/non-breathing puppies.

Hope this helps!

Di

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by dwengland - 2008/10/28 14:27

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Summersun wrote:

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luck. I looked at the website and she sure is a pretty girl.

I'm not sure if I can help or not and I'm sure you've tried this as well since Rich has been helping, but have you tried Firefox browser or the stand alone player?

I've had her up while at work. I love seeing this breed on the Westminster Dog show. Prayers for a healthy whelping.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Summersun - 2008/10/28 14:57

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Well I have been trying to open the cams EVERY day in the hopes that they will work, but knowing they aren't going to :( . My mom got on my computer last night. She told me that she didn't like how slow the laptop was running and was going to run some antivirus scans even though the computer runs them automatically once a week or so. Well I got on this morning, checked my mail, checked the marestart message board, and went to check the cams knowing once again they weren't going to work. THEY WORKED!!!! :woohoo: I know have access to the cams. I GET TO WATCH THE BEAUTIFUL DIZZY HAVE PUPPIES! I am so excited. Told my mom I was gonna :kiss: her! Neither of us know what she did that fixed it but she did something. WOOO HOOO BRING ON THE PUPPY BREATH!:cheer:

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/28 15:20

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I'm so happy for your Summersun. This m/b doesn't have a place (that I've recognized) for email addresses, and I didn't know how to reach you, thinking you maybe gave up on trying to see Dizzie or check the m/b. My advice wasn't what you needed anyway. So you are here now with the rest of us. Hooray!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by casey76 - 2008/10/28 15:21

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Being a vet assistant I have seen a few briards and they are wonderful dogs. But I have never had the pleasure of seeing their pups. She is just adorable. Thank you so very much for letting us into your lives and home. It is such a wonderful experience.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by shep - 2008/10/28 15:22

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Good girl Dizzie! To me (as the human mom) is the hardest part... waiting!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/28 15:27

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Thank you, Di, for the informative overview on whelping. I know nah-thing about dogs, but then I knew nothing about horses or donkeys before I came to these message boards.

Can't wait for the big event!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

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Posted by Neicey - 2008/10/28 15:44

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I have been watching since yesterday. I was for sure you were on your way to the Vet last night when you disappeared. Is she doing ok?

Watching in Florida

Denise [http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/Jolie\\_Ocala\\_Group\\_001.jpg](http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/Jolie_Ocala_Group_001.jpg)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/28 16:14

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Denise, what breed of dog is that in your picture?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/28 16:32

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That's a Bichon Frise:

[http://www.akc.org/breeds/bichon\\_frise/](http://www.akc.org/breeds/bichon_frise/)

I like that Denise said where she was watching from... so....

Watching in California,  
Di

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by kytten - 2008/10/28 16:39

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I agree, wonderful information on the process. I may breed dogs one day myself but right now I don't know anything about it so it's nice to get an idea what's going on!

Also, I'll go along with the trend: Watching in Minnesota (BRR)!

--Amanda

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by florafancy - 2008/10/28 16:40

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Watching from Indiana with Mr. Bailey (1/2 Briard)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/28 16:48

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Hanging in there watching till I have to go to bed; good luck Dizzie.

Nancy Allen Mao Bao Shar-pei

NOTE new email addy [maobao@comcast.net](mailto:maobao@comcast.net)

<http://nancy.allen.net>

http://nancy.allen.net/horses.htm  
La Rue French Bulldogs Albums Upper Left Corner  
http://s252.photobucket.com/albums/hh36/maobaosharpei/

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Neicey - 2008/10/28 17:00

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Tha is a Bichon!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Neicey - 2008/10/28 17:02

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I sure hope there are not complications. She has been in labor for some time!

Denise in Florida

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Danni - 2008/10/28 17:08

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Ive been watching for a while now,  
Hope everything goes smoothly.  
Best of luck and I hope I can witness the birth of the puppies :)

Watching in Florida,  
Danni- Flat-Coated Retriever lover :P

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/28 17:14

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They've been out the whelping box a while also. :ohmy:

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/28 17:14

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They've been out the whelping box a while now, also. :ohmy:

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by casey76 - 2008/10/28 17:16

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I have raised and bred American bulldogs for about 9 years now and I know that sometimes the first stage of labor seems to go on for awhile. But its normal for them to last this way for 12 to 24 hours(sometimes a little longer) and she will continue to get more and more restless and do more and more nesting(usually)and licking. But of course it is like with any animal they are all different. Hope this helps some.

Watching and waiting in Georgia  
Casey

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by YorkieMom - 2008/10/28 17:16

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Watching from Dover, OH. Thought for sure she'd have the pups last night the way she was panting! Hopefully tonight. Where is she?????? Maybe at the vet???????

Oh.....good luck girl!:) We'll keep our paws crossed for ya!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/28 17:22

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Some messages back, they said that Dizzie likes to stretch her legs and also visit the other dogs in the house, and that sometimes she likes to lie on the cool tile outside of the whelping box. I imagine she is doing one of those things now, or eating or going potty outside.

Even as we speak, here she comes again.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by YorkieMom - 2008/10/28 17:24

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Been watching from Dover, Ohio. Dizzy is such a sweetie. Panting like crazy last night. Thought for sure this was it, but still no pups.

Where is she now????? The vet???????

Oh, good luck, girl!!!! We're keeping our paws crossed for ya!

Deb

Mabel & Sammy (my babies)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by YorkieMom - 2008/10/28 17:30

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Ohhhhhh, you go girl!

Been watching since yesterday.

Wondering where she is right now. Maybe the vet???????

Hang in there, girl. It's well worth it.

Watching from Dover, OH

We'll keep our paws crossed for ya, girl!

Deb

Mabel & Sammy (my babies) [http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/Babies\\_\\_\\_Small.jpg](http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/Babies___Small.jpg)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/28 18:13

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Well I was having a boring night. Sorry for the double posts also; again I'm stupid learning a different format.

Rhett = magnificent; this should be an outstanding litter...hope I have the sire correct from the site.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/28 19:00

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This might could take another book to read. Good luck; ck in and off during the night, if I wake up.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Summersun - 2008/10/28 20:09

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Well I was SURE I was going to miss the first couple of puppies while I was in town getting dog food, cat food, and groceries. But I get back and home and still no pups. So here I am watching away. Will be on for at least another 3 or 4 hours.

Watching from Carlsbad New Mexico. Home of the Carlsbad Caverns.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by YorkieMom - 2008/10/28 20:30

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Well, it's 9:28 here in Ohio. About ready to go to bed. Gotta get my "beauty sleep" so I can be bright eyed for work. Sure wish those pups would get here. I know just as soon as I leave to go to bed, they'll come. Hope to wake up to some beauties! Until then.....good luck Dizzy girl. My prayers are that all will go well. Will tune back in when I wake up. Goodnight!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by CJGilman - 2008/10/28 21:02

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well I have been peeping in every once and a while. This will be my first litter to watch. We are from Ontario, Canada and are excited to see the briard pups. We are a home to our furbaby Cici who is a Great Pyrenees. And we Foster them as well for Our Pyr club rescue.

Love watching you guys sit beside her with love and patience while reading a book. Please do tell us what book your reading?? Is it any good? <http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/franny.jpg>

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by casey76 - 2008/10/28 21:30

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Boy she sure doesnt want mom to leave her does she? Hope thats a good book. How is she progressing?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by casey76 - 2008/10/28 21:35

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This is my 9yr old baby boy Rocky. He's why I fell in love with the american bulldogs. can you say SPOILED!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

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Posted by marestarelover - 2008/10/28 21:55

Oh My, It's Almost Midnight Here, No Pups Yet I See ....Hopefully Tonight :)

Wishing You An Easy Delivery Dizzie, and Healthy Babies!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/28 22:28

I have a hunch she wasn't in labor yesterday. She seems to be more serious tonight. Her panting is heavier, and she's more restless. Sure doesn't appear to be in any distress! Mine usually fall dead asleep a few hours before laboring in earnest. I call it "the sleep of death", as nearly nothing will wake them, and I suppose it gives them the energy reserves they need for the job at hand.

Looks like another long night for her two moms. :ohmy: Hope we see new babies tomorrow.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by marestarelover - 2008/10/28 22:30

poor girl, she sure is restless tonight!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Freshwater - 2008/10/28 22:47

; ) I think Dizzie is very comfy with her moms in the whelping box, and doesn't want to let those pups out. I hope everything is doing ok, I admire you, I would be very nervous by now, probably had run for a C-section, I just wish you the very best, I'll keep an eye for a little bit longer, and I hope there will be puppies tomorrow am.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by marestarelover - 2008/10/28 23:00

cams been down for a few minutes now

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/10/28 23:01

Good evening folks - the cam has been down for me for about 10 minutes now - is it working for anyone else?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by marestarelover - 2008/10/28 23:03

still down here too

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by LadyGould - 2008/10/28 23:04

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The cam is down for me also

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by margie1947 - 2008/10/28 23:15

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Have the owners been notified the cam is down

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by florafancy - 2008/10/28 23:19

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Someone is calling now...

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by LadyGould - 2008/10/28 23:20

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the cam is back up:)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by florafancy - 2008/10/28 23:20

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Cam is back

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/28 23:24

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It's back. These folks had to improvise when getting this camera up so fast, so it's easy for them to disconnect the camera (or for the dogs to).

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by shep - 2008/10/29 03:40

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Good thoughts still flowing from snowy New York and soon Las Vegas. We fly out in 3 hours for a few days vacation and my cousin's Elvis Wedding tomorrow. I am anxious to see pups when we return!!

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by YorkieMom - 2008/10/29 05:10

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:ohmy: Still no pups? Ah, poor girl. I got up a few times through the night to check and see if she had them yet. It's now 6:10 AM here in Ohio, and still no pups.

Well, will check back in tonight after work.

Hang in there girl.

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by marestarelover - 2008/10/29 06:59

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just finished checking Again, lol From N.S. Canada. I snuck to the computer a few times through the night, hehehe without waking hubby :)

Read Dizzie's Blog, seems things are all fine, just taking more time.

Going back to bed for a few, then will be watching again pretty much All day, lol

Hang in there Dizzie, We Love Ya!!

She sure has two Loving Human Mommies! Nice To See :)

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/29 08:24

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I think she is finally in active labor! About 15 minutes ago, saw several contractions, then she had that real burst of activity. It's hard to see them when she is sitting the way she is most of the time. And it'll be real hard for those pups to get out if she keeps sitting on her butt, LOL. I just hope she keeps on progressing.

I've only had one litter before where I had to wait days for it to arrive, and that was my only accidental litter. On that one, I didn't have a clue as to the timing.

I see where she is laying down again, and quiet. Hopefully just a pause, not another stop. Back to the box!

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/29 08:56

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Many dogs will deliver, especially the first whelp, in a squatting position, like when they poo. Not unusual for a canine to do this.

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/29 09:47

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Oh, I know about squatting! But she has her butt firmly planted on the ground. For her first whelping, she delivered every pup standing up, and for a couple we had to make her stand, cause they couldn't come out. She wouldn't lay down at all. I think it was because the first one hurt so much.

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/29 09:55

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Awwww thanks much for the update. Prayers for a safe and healthy whelping...I have fingers crossed.....Hugs

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 10:19

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Dear Dizzie, you moms have \*got\* to be sore from sitting in that box for two days. Give 'em a break, girl! Get the show on the road, and you'll be so much more comfortable! :laugh:

Mine are almost ready to go outside, but I think they may be in obedience training before you get down to business.

Love Sparkle,  
A sister in motherhood

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/29 11:47

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Well, we're off to the vet. We'll get a progesterone test, x-ray, whatever we need to find out what is going on! Dizzie's just too restless, and if I'm right about the contractions, it's been too long without a pup. best case scenario, I was just seeing some of the early contractions, normal whelping is still ahead, we'll be back in a few hours. Worst case, c-section, I guess.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by marestarelover - 2008/10/29 11:54

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My thoughts and prayers are with you that you will be able to return home and continue a normal, healthy whelping!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/29 12:01

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Wondering if they headed off to the vet for an check up; whelping tools and Dizzie and human gone. :unsure: Well never mind I just saw the post; prayers for Dizzie's and her whelps.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by kytten - 2008/10/29 12:03

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marestarelover wrote:

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Seconded!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 12:18

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kytten wrote:

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marestarelover wrote:

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Motion passed! We all pray you return home safely.

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/29 12:25

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Sending tons and tons of prayers your way ..Hopefully you and sweet Dizzie will be home soon with a great report and can continue progressing to a normal whelping.....God Bless :kiss:

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 12:27

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Thanks for the update! Thank goodness that sections are so safe for dogs now, and if that's the way Dizzie goes, I am sure it will turn out fine. She has lots of folks saying prayers for her! Thanks for the note on camera. I'm still hoping the first puppy is just taking its time to work its way down.

Geeze, we may never have a natural whelping on whelp watch!:huh:

However it goes, the object of Whelp Watch is to show loving/caring breeders in action, and we're definitely seeing that.

Di

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by CJGilman - 2008/10/29 14:39

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This has been an excellent learning experience! But glad to see such excellent people looking out for the best interests for their furbaby. Prayers for a save arrival for the pups no matter how they get here.

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by Freshwater - 2008/10/29 15:15

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So sorry to see the "go to the vet" on the camera, but I think it was the best decision. My prayers and best wishes for Dizzie and Moms, and soon we'll have a successful natural whelping on camera, you'll see Di. So sorry my internet service sucks, I had a whelping by the book 2 weeks ago, I sure would've liked to share with all of you.

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### Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/29 16:47

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Sending prayers; as long as I know they have to drive but still; as long as they have been out of the whelping box.....I

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very scared a c section and even loss of some whelps.

Prayers coming your way.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Danni - 2008/10/29 17:00

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Hmm theve been gone for a while now,  
How long does all that take?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by YorkieMom - 2008/10/29 17:02

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:dry: Ohhhhhhhhhhh Dizzy!!!!!!!!!!  
I hope all is well!!!!!! Just got home from work and saw the sign. Went on to read all the discussions. Poor girl!  
I'll be glued to the computer tonight!!!!  
Prayers and Love are with you, Dizzy!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 17:34

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Danni asked: How long does all that take?

It can go fast, or take a lot of time, depending on the vet, the circumstances, time of day, etc...

Most vets like to be able to do an ultrasound to confirm live puppies, run blood work to make sure all is well there, possibly give pitocin to see if they can get things moving, possibly give a second, run an IV to hydrate her well if they're considering a c-section. If the section isn't an emergency, most vets do some or all of the above. Then comes the section prep, anesthesia, etc. It all takes time if not an emergency.

Of course in an emergency section, everything happens very fast.

I tend to request a bypass of pitocin if I am sure she's been laboring too long, and ask that they go straight to the section. With Sparkle, I called him in route (he's 30 min away), and by the time I was in the office, they had the O.R. ready, took her back, did the ultrasound, drew the blood and started her prep. Within a couple hours of our arrival, she was off the table with six babies yapping in the incubator, and mom was waking up. We took her home shortly after that, and she recovered here at home. It all depends on the vet, the relationship you have with the vet, and how the dog does during surgery.

So, the answer to your question, is that it can take a few hours, or many hours, depending on many factors.

Doncha love a vague answer?  
Dian

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 17:46

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Di or Dian (or are you one and the same?)\*, I was just wondering, after all this time that Dizzie has been gone, if maybe she started naturally whelping at the vet, and they just have to wait out the course for all the pups to be born.

\*I see, you are two different people, so the question goes to either.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 18:20

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Yes, It's just me. I try not to post as "administrator" when just talking on the forum, and leave that for "official" stuff. However, I goofed today. I had my admin persona up, and forgot to change personalities. It's hard having a split personality :S hehehe...

Typically (with the exception of the above), pay attention to my admin personality for admin decisions, etc. When I post as "lablady", I'm just playing like the rest of you. Robin Mata and I are moderators, but I try to leave the "admin" stuff for important discussions. If I have trouble in the future keeping them straight, I'll get rid of "lablady".

So, to answer your question, yes, she may be naturally whelping at the vets office. If they gave her pitocin and it worked, that's absolutely what may be going on. We'll find out in due time. It's only just after 4PM here, and Lebec is in the same time-zone as I am. The vet may be keeping her there until after hours for whelping, or for recovery.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Freshwater - 2008/10/29 18:22

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Dear Judy, sometimes the drive on the car make the girls to start whelping, so you need to be prepare and if there is someone else to go with you is the best, so you can be paying attention to the dam during the drive. Also if the vet checks with an ultrasound in order to check the pups and their heart rates and if the cervix is open you can start using oxy and calcium in order to help the whelping, under the supervision of your vet, and it's your decision to stay and whelp all the pups there or at home.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by florafancy - 2008/10/29 18:27

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Such great information...thanks so much!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/29 18:31

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WOW you both are back!!! Yeypie! What did the the say?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by casey76 - 2008/10/29 18:32

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its so great to see them Home!! Wonder what the vet said. LOOK they are so cute!!!

Congrats on the wonderful new additions

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/29 18:34

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She is having her whelps!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/29 18:35

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 18:39

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Ooops, I almost missed all the blessed events. I was watching the news instead ... like, why, as the news has been so tedious for so long now.... I see little black feet walking around ... yippee!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 18:41

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Take your time and watch your girl...we can all wait patiently for 'the rest of the story'. :cheer:

Yeah, I think we've all had babies in the car. It's always fun trying to get you, the girl, and the equipment you need all in the same space!

Good luck for continued success and congratulations on five healthy babies so far!

Di

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/29 18:42

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RICK rick rack to determine if you have many the same color (I've used yarn) and taking birth weight down.

CONGRATS

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 18:53

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Well, I think our first baby born on whelp watch is making its way into the world! I think we should all be able to name it,

we've waited a long time for this event! :laugh:

Dian

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 18:57

OMG, they really do just drop out of her. With all that hair, it's hard to tell what's coming and going....

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Debbie - 2008/10/29 18:59

Looked like a dry birth and hind end first.

Debbie

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 18:59

And there it is! Joanne, I want a photo of that baby when this is all said and done. It'll go on the main page, as our very first Whelp Watch baby!

You're a good mamma, Dizzie!

Di

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 18:59

My name for black cats (I've used it twice) is Spooky, with or without Halloween being just around the corner. So I suggest Spooky. And Hallowed Eve, Eve for short.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/29 18:59

Congrats to the first whelp watch pup we could all watch being born. :kiss:

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 19:01

Did she just drop another one while I was busy "naming" the others??

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

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Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/29 19:02

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Yes she did

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 19:03

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Did the other doggies pull out the cam??

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/29 19:09

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That take them for the drive is why I have to set up whelping kits sterilized; one for home and one to throw in the vehicle...

Cam down :(

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 19:09

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Are they all out now, while I was trying to resurrect the cam on my 'puter?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/29 19:10

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Sorry, that was a planned power outage by PG&E, the second and last one of the day. Two more pups to go! As you saw, Dizzie likes to twirl until we're all Dizzie, then have the pup.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Debbie - 2008/10/29 19:22

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Funny I was thinking she fits her name. She was making me Dizzie. She is a very attentive mom. Had them doing the spins and sit to deliver. It will drive you crazy.

Good Girl Dizzie  
Keep up the good work

Debbie

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 19:22

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Ah, the third one at home. Suppose the fourth one is the one that didn't make it. Wonder how she's going to push that one out....

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 19:26

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Or is this the one who might not make it?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/29 19:26

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I think the third one is the one that questionable.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 19:30

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So is she through, or is there one more? I've lost count. Seems I counted that there would be a total of nine, but two would be dead. Where did I get the idea she was having four at home?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/29 19:35

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9 total so far, 5 at vet, 3 at home. One died at the vet and last one looks questionbale

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Summersun - 2008/10/29 19:37

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Poor things. Momma has so much hair its hard to even see the puppies coming out and however do they find the ninnies. I shave my yorkies and maltese so that there is not hair for the puppies to get tangled up in and its easier to find a nipple.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/29 19:38

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Loving prayers to you all; if I wake up in the night which I am prone to do.....I'll check in.

Congrats on those on you all and Dizzie!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by marestarelover - 2008/10/29 19:39

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Congratulations On All Your Precious Puppies! You Did Great Dizzie!! (((Big Hugs))) To You!

Going To Be Fun Watching Them Grow :)

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Thanks For Letting Us Watch!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/29 19:41

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WOOHOO Im in awe! Congratulatioins Dizzie and human mommas! Adorable.Happy Birthday wee ones.OMGosh Im sooooo in love

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 19:42

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I found the info:

"We're back from the vet with 5 pups. 1 more was born dead. No c-section, but quite an adventure. 3 more pups are due, the last one is possibly dead, by x-ray."

So, I guess she's through, as there would only be three born at home. So she was having nine pups, with two not making it. Then she must be nursing seven pups.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Freshwater - 2008/10/29 19:45

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I can't believe that I missed it. I went to walk the dogs, and now I'm back and all the pups are so cute. Oh well, I hope the best for Dizzie and her moms.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 19:46

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Congratulations Dizzie, and Jeanne and Claude! What a wonderful birthday bundle! Happy birthday, baby pups!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by ms\_buster - 2008/10/29 19:46

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CONGRATS on the new puppies! Dizzie looks to be as proud as can be with her new brood! I can't wait to hear the car story and how many boys and girls there are!

Shawn

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Summersun - 2008/10/29 20:11

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PUPPIES PUPPIES EVERYWHERE!:woohoo: This is great

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 20:11

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Okay, I have to laugh. You get the box all cleaned out, you think you're done...and SURPRISE! So, I'm guessing one was hiding on the x-ray? If that's the case, I hope the puppy is alive. I've lost count, and am not sure if the one expected to be stillborn really was. We'll hear in due time, but I was watching her panting like mad, and not wanting to settle in after the box was cleaned, and thought to myself..."nope, she's not done".

B) Lets see if I am right.  
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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 20:23

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Seems like she's prepping for another one. Where were all these pups hiding?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/29 20:25

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Our first live birth is quite exciting, unsure how many she has.

Glad it's going well.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by bkris40 - 2008/10/29 20:28

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I've been posting on Marestare and reading over here but decided I'd join in posting over here as well.

I had thought back before they cleaned up the box that she was acting like she wasn't quite through but when they cleaned everything up I figured I must be wrong. I went ahead and took a break from the computer only to come back and see I missed all the excitement. Guess that will teach me!

I know the loss of the two is sad, but it's great she has so many other babies to love. Exactly how many are there now? I have read conflicting reports of one additional and others said two surprise babies. Do we have any confirmation?

kris

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 20:29

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Think the count is now up to ten born, eight surviving, although I am uncertain whether the questionable one actually lived or was stillborn.  
What a handful!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/29 20:34

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Kris we don't know until the owner posts the actual number as we are unsure if one of the last ones since being home made it or not. She was working on it and then it went in the box. Last count I was up to 8 living.

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/29 20:43

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She's acting like she has another to delivery, very uneasy.

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 21:03

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Dizzie has earned a place on our main page for giving us our first whelping:  
<http://www.whelpwatch.com/>

Thanks, Dizzie!  
Dian

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## Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/29 21:05

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This is nice, I can watch Dizzie from my computer, and Claude will call me if needed!

According to the vets, she's done. But...she doesn't feel empty to me. I know we should have seen everything on the xray, but they have been wrong before. I'll wait 2 hours, then give her an oxytocin / Calcium shot, see if she really is done.

We have to watch her closely, she's a umbilical fiend. The last puppy, sparkle, Claude is watching to make sure Dizzie doesn't start her bleeding (again). After about 30 minutes, the cord doesn't attract her quite as much. And she is being a great mother, except she gets so twirly when a pup is on the way, we take away the others. She'll settle down a lot when labor is completely over.

Went to the vet because of her obvious discomfort, and the timing. Vets drew blood for progesterone (was 2, but by hte time the result came in, it was moot). First suggestion was a c-section, but I wanted to try a pit shot first, since they could tell the cervix was open. They gave us an empty exam room to whelp in. About an hour after the shot, her water broke. About 30 minutes after that, the first pup (Blue boy) was born. The consensus was, wait until the second one has arrived safely, then we could head home. Second one (green boy) comes an hour later, I pack up bedding, supplies, etc, start stuff out to the car, And 10 minutes after #2, Dizzie has #3 (pink girl) on the bare floor of the exam room. Claude was freaking, but did great. So, clean up that pup, get Dizzie to the waiting area on her way out, she squats and just shoots out #4. Unfortunately, that one was dead, and had been for quite a while. Vet suggests we take an xray as long as we are there, and that's a good idea! Xray shows 5, and she points out that one of them may already be dead, judging by the bone density.

We get in the car, first stop a Jack in the Box 2 miles away. I'm diabetic, and hadn't eaten since 0700, and it was almost 3 pm. I go in, bring out the drinks, to find Claude has whelped #5 (yellow girl)! Get her cleaned up and in the box, start driving, 20 minutes later on the freeway shoulder, #6 (orange girl) arrives. Keep driving, get home, #7 (white girl) comes, power outage hits. Then the pup #8 that the vet thought was dead comes, and she was dead. A beautiful girl, darn it. So sad! And last, #9, Sparkle arrives, the biggest pup in the bunch at 19 ounces. Now we wait and see if that really was the last pup. So far, I have 7, 5 girls and 2 boys.

The box we put the pups in when Dizzie gets too busy has a heat pump with circulating water through a pad. Keeps a constant temp, has saved many pups for me! I took it to the vet, used it in the car with a power invertor.

Better get back to Claude. Thanks so much for all the good wishes! I really feel like we had company as we whelped (aside from the vet - LOL).

Names - It's "d" year in Briards, so I'm thinking if the right girl is in there for me, I may name her Lebec's Dotcom, call her

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Web or Webcam. BTW, if you haven't been there, my website [www.briard.com](http://www.briard.com) , with pics of the dad, and more info.

Jeanne

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Chero - 2008/10/29 21:06

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Hooray!!! Congratulations to Lebec and Dizzy for making the front page on Whelp Watch!!!

And a special Congrats for all the newest additions to your home!!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 21:06

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lablady wrote:

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<http://www.whelpwatch.com/>

Thanks, Dizzie!  
Dian

That's great! Dizzie, you made history today!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Summersun - 2008/10/29 21:08

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Looks like she might be done. Still panting quite a bit but is laying there pretty calmly now. Owner sure is sticking close by though. Cant wait to here about the car incident and sex's of the puppies. I sure hope no more than two passed away.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by kytten - 2008/10/29 21:13

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So so so glad to hear everything's good at this point. She did seem like she wasn't done (of course I'm no expert), but she's settled a lot in the last little bit. Maybe she was just in a little pain. We'll see.

Again, sorry for the two losses, but it's really great that 7 were alive and well and that Dizzy is doing a good job and being a great mom.

Congrats on the first WhelpWatch natural birth on cam and of course on your new litter!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 21:18

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the comma next to the www name keeps the website from coming up directly.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 21:25

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The papa,Rhett, is something else ... love the coloring. How is it that no pups have his coloring?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 21:27

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damejudy wrote:

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I just fixed the link on her post. Thanks!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by YorkieMom - 2008/10/29 21:34

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I'm soooooo happy!!!!!! Was so worried. Sad she lost a couple, but glad the rest are healthy! How wonderful. What a pleasure to watch!!!! I just got home when she was having the rest. Ohhhhhhhhhh!  
I feel like part of the family now.

Congrats to all.

Will keep watching!

Deb & Cheryl!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/29 21:35

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So seven live puppies, as predicted. I added in another one when I thought she whelped again while I was typing, but she hadn't. How many teats does she have, enough for all of them?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by kytten - 2008/10/29 21:39

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I think dogs have 8? Apparently her last litter was 10 puppies... Holy cow. I can't even imagine. You'd have to swap them out to make sure everyone got enough.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/29 21:41

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Congrats and thanks for taking time to update us, love hearing the story of how they were born.

Glad you made history and also so many are healthy.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by barbw - 2008/10/29 22:41

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Congrats to Dizzie and all at LeBrecs..Job well done..

Thank you for allowing us into your home to watch these babies being born..Awesome!!! :)  
they are so cute cant wait for them to get thier sea legs that will be a barrel of laughs!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Summersun - 2008/10/29 23:03

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Actually most dogs have 10 nipples although they dont alway work. Typically you see 5 sets of two nipples. But in some dogs you will have 6 or 7 on one side and only 3 or 4 on the other. When you have odd placed nipples sometimes one or two of them wont work. Also you can have the odd dog with 11 or only 9 or 8. I actually had a puppy one time that had 17 nipples. I sold her so not sure how many turned out to be working teats. Also sometimes the upper teats between the front legs will not produce or puppies refuse to suck them. So now you know I stare at nipples all the time. Its important to me when choosing dogs to breed that they have a decent nipple placement in order to be able to feed their whelps appropriatly.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Robin - 2008/10/29 23:13

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Congrats to Dizzie and her moms. You have all had a long couple of days. I was wondering what is the average size puppy is in Briards?

I have family who have lived in Frazier Park for 20+ years. Love the area.

Robin (in Palmdale CA)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by kytten - 2008/10/29 23:21

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Thanks for correcting. Does the size of the dog make a difference as to the number of nipples? Smaller dogs have smaller litters, right? Like a Pom would usually only have 4 or so puppies at a time so... Stands to reason they may have fewer nipples? That might explain why I was thinking 8 as I've had mostly smaller dogs.

So now you know I stare at nipples all the time.

Heh!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by Summersun - 2008/10/29 23:59

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Actually nope same number of nipples for most dogs. I have a 5 lb yorkie that has puppies right now. Yorkies generally only have 2-4 pups at a time. Angel has 10 nipples but only 8 of them work. Her front two between the front legs produce milk but do not swell enough for pups to latch on. So after two or three days post whelping they stop producing. She lives to have her belly pet so here is a picture. [http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/Picture\\_007.jpg](http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/Picture_007.jpg)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/30 00:34

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Can you leave Dizzie alone now, or do you two share puppysitting all night too?

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/30 01:00

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I know with mine, we're awake and close for two or three days non-stop with first time mothers, and sometimes only one day with experienced mothers. My guess is that her human mom is pretty close by. Heaven knows, everyone needs their sleep now.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/30 02:09

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I'm a nervous wreck ... there are puppies all over and mama is so big. Do dogs pick up their young like cats do to move them around? Dizzie seems to have corraled all the ones that were under her, but there's still one little guy off sleeping by himself. Figure he'll know where to go when he wakes up. But how does mom keep from crushing them?

Here comes the little lost fellow even as we speak. Smelling his way toward mom.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 07:47

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Hard to see them little ones for her coat; we always had that problem with our Afghan Hounds (YEARS AGO), except my nearly all white silver brindle threw black & tans; so I could find the whelps. And my black and tans, would throw brindle mainly brindles. :silly: canines!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 07:52

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I know with most dams; if I do not sleep in the whelping room for the first few days.....we have baby monitors up all over the house.....even one I can carry outside with me to the barn.

There are ways even without having a cam on them. But I usually don't leave home for up to 4 weeks. No kidding either. Have to my hair cut etc.....all that taken care of. I don't leave the property for 4 weeks.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 09:04

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ohhhhhhhhhh I got to see the morning weigh in. :woohoo: Love to know how they are progressing.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by briardlady - 2008/10/30 10:45

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Boy, does sleep feel good! Even with the pups just 4 feet away, I slept like a rock. Claude said her head hit the pillow and she was out.

Good news - all the pups gained weight. That's a bit unusual, but welcome. Bad news - Dizzie's temp was 104.1. That's high, so she went on antibiotics this morning. It's probably the result of the puppy that had been dead for a while before whelping. I use antibiotics if the bitch's temp goes over 103 (normal is around 101). It's no big deal, but it does mean the pups will be getting some in the milk.

You may see Dizzie snapping at her pups occasionally. The weirdest things can be handed down! Dizzie's grandmother (who watched all the whelping from my bed, and sleeps with me every night) had this THING with her pups. They were not allowed to walk across her field of vision in front of her face. Now, they could approach her face head on, and they could get right under her chin, they could go anywhere else, and she'd be fine. But pups walking at a right angle by her head got snapped at. I've never had another bitch do this, but Dizzie seems to have the same idea. She doesn't hurt them when she snaps, and the behavior will probably disappear in a few days, but it is weird! Just as weird, even neonates seem to actually learn the rules in just a couple of days.

I'm going to try a new camera angle, let me know what you think.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 11:55

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Sorry to hear of temp rise but that should pass considering her situation.

I think she is being GRAND. It is a herding breed; they may as well learn out of the womb. Cutting; like in horses...herding as in dogs. :woohoo:

I've never had a litter yet that lost weight after birth; even with one c section. But Briards and Dizzie's situation is totally different.

So there is no need in comparing breeds and situations.

Congrats and prayers.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 11:59

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Was she given oxytocin IE the love drug.....works miracles if she continues to snap at her whelps. just a suggestion.....

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by kytten - 2008/10/30 12:16

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Interesting. Thanks for the picture. I like learning this stuff. Of course my boyfriend isn't so happy about me passing this stuff on to him... Perhaps dog nipples aren't his cup of tea. ;)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/30 13:24

The pups do look as though they've grown overnight.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 15:04

It is never odd for the teats nearest the front legs to produce the least amount of milk....they will come "in call" if nursed on but I've never known of them in any breed to be top "milkers" LOL So to speak.....the teats nearest the rear of the female nearly are always the best most "loaded".

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 15:54

I've just loved watching them a'most' of my day. :)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 17:31

I've known of French Bulldogs having up to 7 or 8....it is matter of sperm hitting as many eggs and the dam drops.

And I've know of French Bulldogs have a little as just one whelp. TIMING.....especially if you are doing an AI and also "daughters can be a lot like dam" IE some just have larger litters or smaller litter run in bloodlines.

You really really need to know as much as you can on any breed; bloodline wise....for many other factors other just how many whelps the grt grandmother had.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Due 10/27/08 Lebec Briards**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 17:45

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Same for male canines; we just usually do not have the sense to check them. :blink:

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/30 18:23

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ahhhhhhhhhh it is hard to keep hands off at this time and a lot of good breeders can pick the show winners at one to 3 days old or at least have a good prospect and work it out as they mature (depending on breed) but lovely to see a few of them out from under dams' fur this evening. Pray all are doing well at this point.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/30 19:41

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Ive been gone most of the day but am back now and gonna keep my eyes on Dizzie and her beautiful pups.....Im so so happy all is going wonderful.....:kiss: Congratulations once again.....HUGGIES

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by maobao - 2008/10/31 10:12

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Another lovely day of watching them grow; cannot wait till they are really toddling around on their own! :)

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/31 14:19

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I just love watching Dizzie and her pups.They are snoozing now...Ill keep an eye on them and momma too.....Happy Happy Halloween.....

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/31 15:06

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I read and enjoyed your blog about Dizzie's whelping. Love blogs that are about animals and their breeding. Very well done.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by YorkieMom - 2008/10/31 16:41

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Couldn't wait to get home from work so I could tune in.  
Happy Halloween Dizzy & mom's!!!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by maobao - 2008/11/02 08:54

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I don't Dizzie are mine knew we could get and extra hour of sleep this morning.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by shep - 2008/11/04 14:25

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Please accept my late congrats on the beautiful litter! We were on a mini vacation 10/29 - 11/1. I am enjoying watching the wee ones!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f,**

Posted by shep - 2008/11/09 20:48

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It is just amazing how quickly they grown! I so enjoy watching these sleek black babies sleep and twitch!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f,**

Posted by maobao - 2008/11/12 14:48

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Been sometime since I've checked in; WOW how they've grown.

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by lablady - 2008/11/14 21:13

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Watching tonight as the babies were loaded into a basket and removed from the box (box cleaning?). Oh my, how they've grown. What cute babies!!

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**Re:Whelp Alert! Lebec Briards - update 10/29 5f, 2m**

Posted by maobao - 2008/11/16 14:10

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Every time I log on to peep in all I count is 6 now. OK who is hiding out? :lol:

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**Lebec Briards**

Posted by lablady - 2008/12/24 13:27

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I'm watching those fat, happy babies playing with some young ladies this AM. What fun to see those babies playing and running around.

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Dian

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