
"Sparkle" of Blue Knight -update- whelped 9/30

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/23 01:53

Sparkle is now on webcam (sharing the spotlight with Katie):
http://www.blueknightlabs.com/component/option,com_wrapper/Itemid,110/
She's due in 12 days. This will be my third litter this year.

Right now, I have her on a limited bandwidth stream, because Katie and her puppies are on my Mare Stare stream, but as she gets closer to her due date, I'll put both webcams on her.

Sparkle is now in the house in her whelping box most of the day and all night. She sleeps 99% of the time. She's already declining food, so I will start fixing chicken for her (that usually does the trick). I'll start taking her temp twice a day in about five days.

This is her first litter. She'll be having blacks and yellows. She's not real big, so I'm thinking this will be a smaller litter.

Dian

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due in 12 days

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/27 07:23

I so excited I want to see the whelping. Best of Luck

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due in 12 days

Posted by dogcrazy - 2008/09/27 14:09

I can't wait to see Sparkle whelp! :woohoo: She is so beautiful. Sending prayers for a safe whelping.

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due in 12 days

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 03:28

I'll be watching!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due in 12 days

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 03:40

I'm going to leave the cam on as I sleep tonight to keep an eye on her! She's so cute

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/28 10:11

As you can see, Sparkle is sleeping a great deal, but is still energetic when she goes outside. She's enjoying daily tummy rubs, and started digging yesterday. I don't expect her to go early. We've started daily temps.

Dian

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 10:15

Thank you SO much for the update. She is looking great and I just know she will have a great whelping! Im still watching!

p.s. WHELPWATCH IS AWESOME!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 10:24

Look whos up and walking around. Good morning Sparkle!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 10:38

Vaccum is out
Sparkle sees vaccum
Sparkle runs

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/28 10:46

Yesterday while she was sleeping she could see the puppies moving around in her tummy.
Dian is she due 10/3 as the screen next to the cam says 7 days away so want to make sure I have the correct day.

Thanks

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 10:48

Yes, I could see the puppies moving around too! I cant wait to see an amazing whelping!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 10:51

She sure enjoyed that tummy rub!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/28 11:01

Good morning!

Sparkle was bred three times. The countdown clock on my website is counting down to the 5th, since that was the day I *think* was her best breeding day. However, her first breeding puts the first due date on the 3rd.

Temp this AM was 100.8 I like to take temps for a full week before they're due, both morning and night, but I started just a bit late this time. I think my mind is set on the 5th. :) We'll see what Sparkle thinks about that.

Here she was this AM in the yard:

Oops, photo was too large. Trying again!

<http://www.whelpwatch.com/images/fbfiles/images/Image1-50ba9d17f96a8edb33e5a63270831fb0.jpg>

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 11:03

Thank you for the update again! She is so beautiful, I cant get over it!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/28 11:13

;) Thank you, she's gorgeous.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by debandrich - 2008/09/28 11:14

Finally made it here and if I may say, Sparkle is stunning. Got her up and watching. It's been awhile since I've seen a whelping.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 11:18

Welcome Debandrich, I totally agree that sparkle is stunning, I hope your in for the long run on whelpwatch like me!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/28 11:23

Great pose to show off her girlish figure. :laugh:

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Re:

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 11:26

blacklabs wrote:

Great pose to show off her girlish figure. :laugh:

That was a very cute pose!

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Re:

Posted by Izornes - 2008/09/28 11:31

is it hot there? shes breathing quite heavy. shes a gorgeous little girl. Cant wait to see these pups

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Re:

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 11:35

Izornes wrote:

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According to their website, it is 80 degrees there right now at 9:30 in the morning

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/28 11:38

Good morning! No, not hot. Just got babies sitting under her diaphragm! :)

Was this the pose?

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

:) Sparkle is enjoying every second of this. I've never seen a girl who has enjoyed her pregnancy so much. She goes outside and romps like a kid:ohmy: , and is so happy to come back in to her box! Funny girl !

Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 11:40

Yes That was the pose, Very cute. She is panting alot more than earlier though!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 11:42

Wow, shes REALLY panting!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/28 11:49

when she is resting those darn kids of hers are kicking her.

love the cam it's so clear, feels like I can reach out and touch her and I'm in New York State.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 11:50

yes, its a great cam!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 11:52

Wow look at this pose

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 14:09

Look whos up and looking around!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 14:22

Daily Routine

Sleep
Get up
Lay down
Sleep
Sleep
Get up
Walk around
lay down
sleep

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 14:55

Sparkle has disapeared, guessing Dinne took her out!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 14:59

And look whos back

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/09/28 15:05

She is beautiful:kiss: Ill help watch with ya all..I am redmustangwoman1--Judy

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 15:07

Welcome in Judy, feel free to comment on what you see at any time, ill be here alot!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 15:29

Shes back up, panting and looking around!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 15:30

She switches positions, so shes more comfortable

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 15:35

1:27 PM PST:Awake moving head, panting
1:28 PM PST:Keeps turning around
1:29 PM PST:Up playing with pink toy
1:29 PM PST: Lays back down sniffing bone
1:30 PM PST:Looks out towards THE WORLD!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 15:37

1:31PM PST:Biting her green toy
1:32PM PST:Back up and settles down!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 15:44

She enjoys having her mommy come and confort her and put out a pillow

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 15:46

Tummy rub! One lucky dog!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 16:19

Back to resting!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by rockinrobin - 2008/09/28 16:53

I love the whelping box what a clever idea:laugh: She does look lil uncomphy ill be watchen too.Robin

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 16:57

Welcome Robin, the box is great, isint it? Good to have you along watching

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/28 17:25

Dian, do dogs go right on their due date or can they go early. We have so many MS watching now and we are so used to watching mares that can go early I think I need some guidance.

Thanks

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 17:35

yes im wondering the same!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/28 17:44

Hi Dian - Sparkle is beautiful and I'm sure her babies are going to be prescious. I read that though she is black you are expecting some of her pups to be yellow? Is this true, and if so, would that be because the father is yellow? How many pups would be an average for a dog like her? Is this her first litter?

Edit: I just saw where you wrote that indeed this is her first litter, and that indeed you are expecting both black and yellow pups. Still wondering how many pups to expect and whether the father is yellow.

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/09/28 17:51

Thanks for the warm welcome.She is just so pretty....Love when she lays on her back too,Seems cumfy that way too...Ill have to rusle up a pic for my avatar....

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/28 18:05

Here's link to Sparkle(Starburst)and stud, midpage. Should be great puppies.

<http://www.blueknightlabs.com/content/view/41/61/>

Also found this on Dian's web site and it's the entire birthing with pictures.

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

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/28 18:34

Thanks for the links. I see that there were 8 pups born in the birthing pictures - 4 of each colour. I think I read that Dian is expecting a fewer number in this litter because Sparkle is small and this is her first litter. I'm thinking 5 or 6?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 18:41

Thanks Blacklab!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/28 18:42

Yes read the same, that's a example of what a birthing is like.This is Sparkle first litter.

The pictures look like a mini neonatal unit ready for anything that could happen.Very organized and prepared.

Also read that they come at 63 days normally right on that day. The chart shows that at least.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/28 18:45

Ahhh... I forgot that we have mare watchers here, who might not have pre-knowledge on canine whelping norms. Happy news.... dogs are 'watched' for far less time than horses! Their labor is more predicatble.

Bitches typically do not deliver more than three days either way of their due date. They deliver 93 days from the LH rise (ovulation). Naturally bred, bitches usually start flagging (standing) around or just before the date of ovulation, so you can usually use that 93 day rule, however,in the case of artificial insemination, they're usually A.I.'d after ovulation, so you would not use that 93 days after breeding with them, but rather, count 93 days from the L.H. rise. Sparkle was naturally bred, however, I think her first date of breeding was just a tad early, and am guessing that Oct.5 is the more likely due date. I still have to consider that she 'took' on the first breeding, so as not to poo-poo any signs of whelping.

Okay, so, how does labor and delivery go in a dog? Normally they don't deliver outside of 3 days before or after their due date. They only carry the puppies nine weeks, so you can see that puppies born 6 days early, are pretty early, and are at risk for being compromised. Puppies born six days late are at risk of being quite overdue.

Normally, the temp of the dog will drop to below 100degrees about 12-24 hours before delivery. This is likely due to the sudden drop in progesterone levels (progesterone is the hormone of pregnancy). If you take their temp twice a day, it

can indicate that you're going to be busy the next day. Now, this is not to say that some bitches don't read the book, and sometimes fool you, never having a temp drop, but most do.

Often a bitch will have a notable amount of clear mucus the week before delivery.

I would expect in the next day or two, that Sparkle will have labor-like behavior, as she moves the puppies down. She'll noticeably 'drop', giving her a very saggy tummy look. That's already starting to some degree.

They typically sleep a great deal the last week of labor. This is a good thing! Often, you can see minor contractions, as the uterus gets ready for the job it is going to be doing. Soon after these 'practice' contractions, you'll see a good deal of puppy movement, as the puppies are reacting to the contractions. Otherwise, the puppies are often rather quiet.

Signs of labor are decreased temp, *heavy* panting, pacing, digging, restlessness. This progresses in severity as labor progresses. Sometimes they vomit. Bitches often refuse all food the day of delivery, although some seem to be off food the whole week before, and you have to get inventive and make special goodies for them. I boil chicken. Sparkle is already refusing food, and I'm having to hand feed chicken to her.

I documented a whelping here:

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

If you click on "Written Birth Record" at the top of the page, you can see how the labor progressed, and the notes I typically take on each puppy.

Hope this helps!

Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/28 20:00

Thank you it helps alot.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/28 20:04

Thank you so much, Dian, for the very thorough and informative explanation. All the best of luck for a 'by-the-book' delivery for Sparkle on the expected date.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 20:20

Thank you very much Dian! That gave me a very good idea on what to expect to see!

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Re:

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<http://www.blueknightlabs.com/content/view/73/111/> Hey thanks much Blacklabs .Im glad I registered here!!:) I can't wait to see her puppies

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/28 21:37

Hey everyone, just settling in with my new computer, all the better to whelp watch with (yes little red riding hood)

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by debandrich - 2008/09/29 09:34

Thanks for the info. I am a marestarer but have watch whelpings too but did not know much of the info you posted. I have Sparkle up on my screen. I just love watching her. :)

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/29 14:07

Well, Sparkle's temp was 100 degrees on the mark last night. It's 99.2 this AM. Hummmm.... Very interesting. No milk yet, but she does have colostrum. *slight* clear discharge. She's a bit on edge following a pretty good thunder storm we had this AM. Got some pretty pictures, while I had my morning coffee, and Sparkle was outside to potty:
<http://www.blueknightlabs.com/rainbow/bk.html>

With her temp below 100, she'll never go outside without someone watching her now. It's not unheard of to have a girl's temp drop, only to have it go up again, but I always find myself on edge when that happens. Maybe we're going to go earlier than I thought!?!)

Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by shep - 2008/09/29 18:59

I have found this temperature chart very handy explaining the yo yo temps and the "drop"...

http://debbiejensen.com/temp_chart.html

And if I didn't take her temp 3 a day I always missed the darn drop!

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Re:

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/29 19:55

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Dian

Will try to be watching next several days, with dogs going with in a shorter time maybe thats lucky maybe not for us viewers. I am off next few days so maybe maybe will catch her. I see Ms Sparkle is restless, hoping she knows where to

point her tush when the time comes, so we can all watch.

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Re:

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/29 21:33

Looks like we will get a update soon on her temperature. She looks uncomforatble this evening.

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Re:

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/29 21:39

Good evening everyone, been out at school and volunteering for the day. How is everyone doing? Hopefully good, hear that Sparkles temperature is under 100, time to watch close. I definitely will! Ill be here to watch all night!

Al Smith

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Re:

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/29 21:49

Temp is 98.8. She is more uncomfortable tonight, digging, and panting some.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/29 21:52

When do you expect her to go? To you have an expectation, before friday?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/29 21:53

Here we go, theres the newspaper, You are ready!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/29 22:05

wow her tail a few minutes ago was fast, could just see a blur. With the continued dropping temp I am guessing tonight? I am going to go to showdog sim chat room on Mama server see if anyone else is watching... Shes beautiful Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/29 22:09

Good evening - checking in to see how Sparkle is doing. Looks like we might have some positive happenings, eh? :)

Re:

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/29 22:19

Purrson wrote:

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Ill be up tonight and ready! Im sure dian will be too!

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Re:

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/29 22:20

nsgwen wrote:

Good evening - checking in to see how Sparkle is doing. Looks like we might have some positive happenings, eh? :)

Its looking like it!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by MareAwareDeb - 2008/09/29 22:28

Wow.....she's sure cute!

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy whelping!

Love & Light,
Deb

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/29 22:29

Welcome to whelpwatch Dev, You will love it here. Isint sparkle great?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Summersun - 2008/09/29 22:32

Awww just joined so that I could get all the latest info on sparkle. Looks like we are getting close. Cant wait to see her whelp. Hopefully she will start in the next 3 hours before I go to bed.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/29 22:33

Panting alot right now

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/29 22:45

Well, I don't think she'll go in three hours, but who knows. She was pretty secret about this all day... just slept. She went outside tonight and dug to china in several places, she has more colostrum, and she is panting more (but that could be that we've had the house open, and the humidity level tonight is through the roof, so I have closed up the house to cool it down a bit), and physical exam shows her wide open! If she hasn't had one by morning, I'll be fretting, and off to the vet we'll go. Right now, all is good, and she is not in any distress. This is her first litter, so she'll be pretty confused about all this excitement. Now that I am all set up, we can all settle down and just wait for nature to do her thing.

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/29 22:47

anyone interested in joining me, I am in <http://mama1010.ath.cx/coolsmile/chat/> in the Animalchatters server,.rooms empty at mo cant find where we can talk on here while watching. other then boards

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by debandrich - 2008/09/29 22:51

I am watching Sparkle and also a couple of mares. I won't be posting here until she is starts whelping. I'm not good at bouncing from board to board. But definitely watching.

Re:

Posted by Chero - 2008/09/29 22:52

Shes starting to nest? poor newspapers lol :laugh:

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/29 22:53

Thanks for the update Dian. It's almost 1 am here and I won't be up much longer. Good luck, I hope to see lots of healthy little pups nesting with their Mama tomorrow when I get the chance to check back.

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/29 22:54

Her stool was sort of unformed and tar-like tonight, which is a sign of cleaning out the bowel before delivery.

This stuff can go on a LONG time. Pant, pace, pant, pace, go out to pee, pant pace... wanting to go inside and outside and inside and outside. Labs are good at hysterics. :woohoo:

Dian

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Chero - 2008/09/29 23:01

I can remember the day my blue heeler had her first litter by my male after we rescued her from "death row" at the pound 9 yrs ago...she wouldnt get down to business until I was in the room with her, and all the panting and pacing and repeating! She is such a precious addition in my life, I wouldnt change a thing!

BTW Thank you for such a wonderful addition to the world of webcams. I LOVE it!!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/29 23:02

Dian that tummy looks sooooo big when she rolls. I notice shes on her back alot am betting its more comfortable for her right now, or is she normally a back sleeper? I hope she goes soon as I would love to see it, its early here still, we are below you.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/29 23:12

Im back everybody, this is so exciting, I think we all are ready for atleast one tonight!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/29 23:20

;) Everyone needs to do like Sparkle... sleep... okay, maybe not imitating that wild pose she is in, but sleep nonetheless. Check back in four or five hours. We're WAY early.

Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/29 23:25

I love that pose Dian! Its so cute. She looks so ready to have the puppies, I need to go get a few things done, that will take about 15 minutes but im afraid ill miss it, will you tell Sparkle not to have any of them until I get back?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/29 23:48

just realized you probably took her out to go potty.

I have both cams up and notice different pictures at different times, I know they are streamed but? Was wondering why

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/29 23:54

The marestare stream has a short delay. The camstreams stream has a long delay. One camera is on one side of the box, and the other on the other side of the box. So, what you see on the Mare Stare stream, you can see again about

three minutes later from the opposite side of the box. :laugh:

Yes, went out to potty and dig. She has two impressive holes going now.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 00:06

<http://forums.site5.com/images/smilies/dancingparty.gif>

Ah ok Thanks Lablady admin ;)

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/30 00:11

Any pictures of these Holes? lol

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/09/30 00:12

Up and panting!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 00:49

Yup Aboe tween tummy rubs. Wonder if Lablady can feel any thing happening yet.wish i could reach thru the screen and rub her tum tum. first time mom must wonder whats going on inside, wonder if she feels anything yet

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Summersun - 2008/09/30 00:58

Humm it is now 12 am here. I do not think she is going to have a puppy for me in the next 30 mins. All I ask is for 1 puppy before I go to bed. LOL. *Sigh*

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Chero - 2008/09/30 01:13

:kiss: Prayers for you Sparkle that if you whelp tonite you are well and your babies will be full of life and happy. I am off to bed.

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 01:39

Trying to stay up a bit longer, though limited as I can feel eyes glazing and crossing sweet Sparkle.

Also wondering if Ms Aboe remembers shes in chat window with me hehehe

Another thought occurred to me, do you clip the tummy Lablady to keep clean for pups to nurse? or do dogs lose some coat down there? Her tummy reminds me a bit of my Missy cat with her allergies. Anyway me thinks be off for the night, sweet puppy breath dreams everyone

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 02:33

They naturally lose hair around their mammary glands. Some more than others. She takes after her mother, who always lost a *LOT* of hair.

She's in labor, but it's early labor. Just like with humans, this can go on for a long long time.

Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 05:26

3:16am ... She's more desperate to get out now. She let me sleep an hour, and work me with a bark to get outside to potty. She is more interested in digging than really having to potty. :dry:

All pretty typical. We'll definitely have puppies today sometime.

Di

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 05:28

I said "and work me with a bark" Umm.. .I'm not tired. That would be woke me:blink:

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 07:45

got her up and watching, she's restless.

Sending many happy thoughts for a good whelping and healthy puppies

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by shep - 2008/09/30 08:50

Watching while I can from my office. Prayers for safe whelping! Can't wait to see the wee ones!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by misty27 - 2008/09/30 09:04

she is very uncomfortable maybe she will hurry and get it over with and feel better.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 09:37

Dian cams are down

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 09:59

Morning all. I'm restarting the laptop. Evidently, cybergremlins are at play.....lol:

Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

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

Thank you they are back up

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 10:31

Thanks for calling me "blacklabs", I wouldn't have realized.

So... she's still piddling along. Digging, sleeping, digging, panting... sleeping. I was up all night, and suspect I will be up all day. :unsure:

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 12:40

The joys of motherhood, we will be watching and sending lots of support.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 13:11

Contractions getting increasingly harder. No discharge (a green discharge is bad), does have milk, no pushing. ...we wait, she works.

Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 13:24

Thanks I posted your message to MS thread.I feel sorry for her and you, hope it's over soon.Glad she rested so much the last week.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by casey76 - 2008/09/30 14:15

:cheer: :) I have raised american bulldogs for a few years now and I have had the great pleasure of raising a couple of litters myself. My last girl Zoe whelped in the middle of the night with no warning signs and no temp drop. Luckily I just happened to wake up and checked on her to see her with a baby. Its amazing what we go through just waiting and what they seem to deal with without much problems or concerns. Wishing you good luck and great success for many years to come. Here watching your baby as if she were my own.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Chero - 2008/09/30 15:00

:blink: must be potty, pawing time outside!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by shep - 2008/09/30 15:55

I hope she has them soon for you Dian. The waiting part is so hard. My Sabrina put us through 24 hours of this before producing a pup...

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by dogcrazy - 2008/09/30 16:51

My eyes are completely glued to the screen. I won't miss this one! No way. Sending prayers for a safe, and healthy wheping!!!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by banthony - 2008/09/30 17:04

I love those blacks, such a pretty girl and so well named!

So are we expecting to see some pups today?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 17:06

No pushing yet. Lots of mucus now, fully cleaning out her bowels, wet spot in the box... she'd best progress soon, as I am starting to think about calling the vet. Pray she moves along!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lpr - 2008/09/30 17:13

I've been watching quietly, and pray that everything goes smoothly!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by dogcrazy - 2008/09/30 17:16

I'm prayin hard!

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 17:54

Me too, looks like another potty trip.

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by shep - 2008/09/30 18:00

Sending prayers for a smooth and easy whelping.

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 18:03

Per the vet, she has one hour to deliver. If not, we're off for a c-section.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/30 18:03

So glad Sparkle didn't have those pups while I was out today. She certainly looks close now.:unsure:

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 18:04

Sending many, many postive thoughts she goes very soon.

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 18:09

Will the vet allow the cam??? just kidding

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/30 18:16

Oh no - Sorry to hear she might need a c-section. Hopefully not.

Edit - has she gone to the vet or just another potty break?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 18:24

I think potty break. Wouldn't be going to the Vet for another 45 minutes

It's been a long potty break

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/30 18:34

Oh good - I see she's back.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 18:37

Ok Sparkle don't mean to put pressure on you but lots of people would love to see you birthin those babies. :kiss:

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 18:48

Dian if you have to go the vet, best of luck, sending lots of prayers.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 19:01

just on now, poor Dian (always want to put an E on the end of her name.) and Sparkle. Does anyone have more information? Have the marestare window open and see no sparkle.

Headed into my chat room if anyone wants all welcome to join me as we wait. Papers in her pen sure look rearranged, I am praying Sparkle does ok.

Click shortcut if you want to join me

Edited to say whew sparkles back, and I await further word from her Mom.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 19:02

I believe they left for the Vet's for c section

Sorry misspoke, I see her back, I do hope so much she's doesn't have to go and delivers normally.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/30 19:05

I'm guessing she was out for another potty break as they obviously did not go to the vet's yet.

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Re:

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 19:06

nsgwen wrote:

I'm guessing she was out for another potty break as they obviously did not go to the vet's yet.

LOL, she's a smart girl

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/30 19:07

Poor Dear does look very uncomfortable though.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 19:07

Yup I agree Gwen, sure hope she doesnt need c section... wish she could deliver naturally poor girl.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/30 19:09

Sign says - Gone for a C-Section - good luck Sparkle and Dian.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by damejudy - 2008/09/30 19:10

Oh, oh, they're off to vet.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by casey76 - 2008/09/30 19:11

wishing you both goodluck and sending many prayers your way. Will be waiting with baited breath till we hear something.

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Re:

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 19:14

nsgwen wrote:

Sign says - Gone for a C-Section - good luck Sparkle and Dian.
I see that Gwen, repeat poor sparkle on her first litter.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 19:14

Good luck Sparkle and your human Mom, sending lots of prayers you all do great and come home with lots of beautiful pups.

Will also be watching with baited breath.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 19:34

Second good luck (or third or fourth good lucks?) for Sparkle and Dian and positive outcome of puppy breath and a healthy mom.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by shep - 2008/09/30 20:27

Good luck with the section. Can't wait to see a content family.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by damejudy - 2008/09/30 21:04

Will Sparkle come home with the babies, or have to stay at vet? Will she be able to nurse?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Robin - 2008/09/30 21:19

Sparkle is fine and out of surgery, still at Vet, had 6 puppies one with cleft palet, it will not be coming home.
All pups almost 2 lbs each, Di will update when she gets home in 40 / 50 minutes or so.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 21:22

I know normally pups can nurse, but I cant imagine how sore mama would be. I worked as a volunteer at our vets (throughout HS) Mama just needs to recover a bit, maybe a night at the vets? Maybe 2 depending on her condition, Dogs tend to heal faster then us humans. Have to make sure the incisions ok too, so maybe the pups would need to be bottle fed the first few days, I don't know but hope some here know and can say.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 21:30

THANKS So glad they are all right and Mom is doing good.

Sorry for the loss of one and Congrats on 5 healthy puppies.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lpr - 2008/09/30 21:39

I'm so glad to hear that Sparkle is fine. I'm looking forward to hearing more about the 5 surviving puppies.

Is 2 lbs considered average, small or large?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 21:44

I will wait for Dian to answer the question on size but from expereince that's a nice size. We picked our lab up at 6 weeks old and he weigh 9 bs and they gain a lot the first weeks so I think this is great.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/09/30 21:52

:(:(So sorry to hear about the poor little one that did not make it.

:cheer: Congratulations on your 5 other newbies. Hope everyone recovers quickly (especially Sparkle)!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by casey76 - 2008/09/30 21:54

I am a vet assistant and have worked around animals for many years. If everything went fine and mom is doing well after coming out of anisthisia then yes they should all get to come home tonight but that is up to her vet. We always put the pups down to nurse as soon as mom is awake that way they start getting the nessasary colostrum as soon as possible. Hope this answers some of your questions.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 22:02

Thanks Casey 76, do hope they all come home tonight or if they stay we know it's best for Sparkle

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by casey76 - 2008/09/30 22:06

you more than welcome. Im just glad that i could answer your question. And maybe I can answer others if ever there is a need.

Wishing you all home safe and sound. Prayers with you all.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/09/30 22:09

I think they are home

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by damejudy - 2008/09/30 22:14

Yippee, Sparkle is home with her babies. I'm so sorry for the little lost one. Congrats to Sparkle and her people.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by casey76 - 2008/09/30 22:18

CONGRATS!!!! So glad you are all home safe and sound. Great looking Healthy babies. So glad everything went well and mom is doing good. Prayers for the little one.:woohoo:

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by damejudy - 2008/09/30 22:42

Aaah, look at both mommies lying together with pups. That's a feel-good sight!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 22:43

Hi this is Robin Dian's friend. As you can see everyone is home and doing well All getting some deserved rest even Dian.
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Dian will update when she get a few moments.

Robin

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 22:59

I am so glad to see Sparkle was brought home tonight. Have a question for Casey if I might ask, I gather then there's no concerns about nursing related to the incision and healing??? Am so glad I was wrong.

Thought I found a way to be connected and talk with Lablady before but cant remember where I went. Sparkles bare tummy does remind me of my cat and her allergies, took years but Missy's coat is finally regrown down there.

LabLady yes was going to say one of those "pups" seems unusually large... for a pup LOL:blink:

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/09/30 23:35

Happily watching Momma Sparkle, as she settles in to being a Momma. Dian this will also show those that think breeding is an easy way to make a buck how wrong they are... your putting alot of heart and work in already on these pups. Many sleepless nights when they first are born. I hope they all do well and look forward to hearing about the 4 blacks and 1 golden sweet hearts. so sad you lost one but hope all others are strong as they look.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/09/30 23:45

Hi all. So much for the first Whelp Watch whelping, huh? :-/

Sparkle had been in labor since last night. She never pushed, but squatted, and actually arched her back so as not to push. I only had that once before, where a girl tried not to push, and she was in trouble. Finally, I could then feel feet, but no progression, and she still wasn't pushing. She had a good reason. I've only weighed two of them, and they weighed in at 1.9# and just weighed another in at 1.6 #. Normal Lab puppy size is 12-16oz. After the section, the Vet said the first was stuck like a cork in a bottle. Tiny Sparkle couldn't have delivered these little monsters. She had six, but one girl had a cleft palate. 2black girls, 2 black boys, 1 yellow boy (our cleft puppy was a black girl).

Sparkle doesn't appreciate these guys much right now, so it looks like we'll be sleeping in the box, and/or keeping them in a box by themselves until her hormones kick in. Usually within 24 hours at a max.

Thanks for the well wishes. I have slept just one hour since 5am yesterday. Dan is taking over post-whelp duties tonight.

Dian ---> ZZzzzzzzzzzzzz

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by damejudy - 2008/09/30 23:52

Sleep well. Sparkle and pups are safe, thanks to your watch.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by BCP - 2008/09/30 23:52

awww great job you and your husband did and do...

here's photo show I put together for you

http://s154.photobucket.com/albums/s273/bpalmento/9-20-08/Dog/th_B00000003.jpg

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lpr - 2008/09/30 23:55

Dian, I'm so sorry about the lost little one. Being able to watch Sparkle and the pups over the web cam is a gift, and so is seeing the loving care that you and Dan are providing. I sure hope you succeed in getting some good rest tonight.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by BCP - 2008/10/01 05:48

Cute, the husband is with Sparkle even 3:30 in the morning, California's time..

<http://i154.photobucket.com/albums/s273/bpalmento/Dog/B00000002.jpg>

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by shep - 2008/10/01 06:39

Please get some much needed sleep! What huge babies!! The family looks so content. Hopefully Sparkle will appreciate them more when all the anesthesia is worn off. Thank you for sharing wonderful, responsible dog rearing. I am enjoying the pictures and can't wait to watch them grow.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/01 09:31

Good morning! Ahh... what six hours of sleep can do for you! Bless Dan's heart, he babysat until 5am, giving me more sleep than I had banked on. He's now getting some well-earned rest, and I've got the healm.

Sparkle has some bleeding this AM, so I gave her a shot of pitocin to clamp the uterus down. This will cause an evacuation of a lot of blood that has likely filled the uterus while she lay there still, so don't become alarmed if you see blood in the box. I'm watching her!

Sparkle is *almost* realizing these are her babies. She's still a bit confused as to how these little 'poopers' got in her box, and she is starting to clean them, only to gag when they go potty. I have to laugh, because in a few days, she and I will fight to get to the poop first.

Regarding nursing and a c-section. No doubt her abdominal wound hurts. Happily for dogs, they use their stomach muscles differently than we do -- we stand erect. While we hobble around a few days after a c-section, they are known to try to jump out of the car when coming home from their surgery. Sparkle would happily jump up if I didn't give her a "down" command when I approach the box. Nursing the puppies with an abdominal wound is probably less painful than you may think. The wound is way up tight against her stomach, and the mammary glands hang far away from the wound. They really don't get very close to it. Now, a c-section does bring the risk of causing mastitis. The wound is right between two rows of mammary glands, so we always watch for mastitis (mammary gland engorgement/infection).

Anyhow, as you can likely see, she is starting to get the hang of this motherhood thing.

She has had water, and her first bite of chicken this AM. It seems to be setting fine on her stomach.

The puppies are monsters. I don't recall having a litter where all of them are this large. I've had one litter where the only two puppies were 24 and 27 ounces, but that's understandable with only two. With six, it's pretty amazing. When I saw them, I told the vet I thought they were ready for leash training! :woohoo:

Back to trying to keep the box clean..

Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Illavik - 2008/10/01 10:44

Hi Dian,

We have been watching the web-cam daily and we were so excited to see Sparkle's beautiful puppies this morning! I had no trouble getting the kids out of bed for school when I told them Sparkle had her pups and it was on the web-cam.

Happy to see Sparkle and her babies are back home.

Congratulations!!!

You truly are a "special" breeder who loves your dogs!

The Lavik Family

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/01 11:10

Thank you.:cheer:

I loving watching them and they are huge .I greatly appreciate you letting us watch them.

Congrats Sparkle you did great. Happy Birthday lil ones.

Dian,Sparkle and kids you have many well wishes on your MS thread when you get a change to read.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by nsgwen - 2008/10/01 12:08

Hi Dian, Glad to hear you finally got some sleep. Sparkle looks to be getting her rest as well. The pups are just beautiful. The little yellow boy really stands out in that family!

Again, congratulations all round.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by diamonddminis - 2008/10/01 13:18

Hi I have been watching from Mare Stare and thought I would come over and congrat you on your new litter. Sorry about your loss of one little girl. Sparkle is a good looking Lab. and she seems to understand that the things in her bed are hers....LOL Glad to have been able to watch your Sparkle and her babies. Again congratulations....

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by patpat50 - 2008/10/01 14:06

:cheer: The puppies are so cute big cogratulations to Sparkle and her human family.So sorry for the loss of one of the babies,my heartfelt condolences to u all

http://i201.photobucket.com/albums/aa266/patpat50_2007/puppywelcome.jpg into the world babies

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/01 14:24

Thank you for your warm welcomes for the babies.

Yep, Sparkle is starting to realize these are her children. She's still afraid to move in the box with them. She doesn't know where to put her feet, so she stands like a stone. :-)

Everyone is quietly cooing in the box today.

Dian

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/01 16:01

There's one little baby lost; I wonder if Sparkle will soon bring it into the fold. She is a good mother, so I think she's looking around, counting heads!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by banthony - 2008/10/01 16:40

Congrats Dian!! The pups are really cute and mom looks like she is waking up and beginning to understand what happened.

Big babies give you lots of heartburn at whelp but they settle in quicker and sleep longer so that is the plus side for mom.

Now stay out of the hot tub!

Bonnie

Re:

Posted by shep - 2008/10/01 17:52

lablady wrote:

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Everyone is quietly cooing in the box today.

Dian

What a good mamma! I so love the cooing of newborns!

Holly

Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/01 20:06

Well, she's spread the pups out like a hand of cards. Do they smell milk and know how to get back to her?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/10/01 21:11

Congrats on the wonderful litter, and Dian thanks for your explanation about the nursing being distant from her incision, I couldn't believe my eyes that they sent them home the same day. One black pup looks smaller then the others, take it one pups a more traditional size??? Blondie looks independent already keeps wander wiggling off.

Look forward into learning more about your world as they grow, momma genes too over already! Made me laugh your description of her cleaning them only to gag when they go.

If I remember right over time they not only smell the milk but even can identify their individual teat.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/10/01 21:21

Hey, I havent been able to get on the last couple nights. Very happy to hear about the litter, sorry it had to be c-section and my condolences for the loss of one puppy. Sparkle will be a great mother!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by Purrson - 2008/10/01 23:39

WB Aboe. Dian, any predictions on basic personalities of the pups yet? :silly: That blondie seems to be busy and exploring the nest alot.

Was the new set up so when Sparkle goes out the pups are limited until they are older and cant follow along?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/02 01:34

The blonde scalawag is missing; has she wandered away again?

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lzornes - 2008/10/02 05:14

my fasvorite puppy so far is the little blonde boy... hes so adorable!!! i just live him to pieces, a very active young fellow i can tell hes gonna be a trouble maker!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/02 07:36

Sparkle and her puppies must be camera shy this morning as the cam is down.:S

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/04 16:57

Hi, I'm sorry for taking so long to respond. Dan and I are finally sleeping more than two hours at night.

Sparkle and the babies are doing great. Lets see if I can answer some of your questions. Yes, nature tells puppies to search for a nipple. It's amazing how well they can move about to get where they're going, although blind and deaf, their noses are very sensitive to smell and touch. Their eyes will open at about 12 - 14 days of age.

We put the board in, so that mom has a place to go in the box where she can sleep soundly, and keep puppies close together, and on the heating pad that is under the rug on their side. The number one killer of newborn puppies is hypothermia. It doesn't take much to chill, so we keep lights on them, and heat under them. Sometimes, mom gets quite warm, so "her side" of the box is cooler, and allows her a place to go where she can lean her head over the board and watch her brood.

The yellow puppy is a boy. Yes, he tends to wander a bit. If anyone is going to crawl under the bedding, it's him. :huh: He has a death wish.

Here are some photos of the bunch:

<http://www.blueknightlabs.com/kennelcam/9-08/9-30/bk.html>

:) enjoy!

Di

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by aboe7830 - 2008/10/04 17:27

Hey Dian, thanks for the update, i just got back from washington state to visit my aunt and her beagle. I love beagles so much!!!!!! Puppies are looking great!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by damejudy - 2008/10/04 19:25

Thanks for info. I don't know nothin' about birthin' no puppies! Take care, all of you. Hugs to all.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by shep - 2008/10/05 06:21

So glad you are finally catching up on sleep! Watching the litter I can tell that the yellow male is definitely the athlete of the litter... oh so cute! It is great to watch them grow!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by shep - 2008/10/10 09:31

WOW! They are growing like weeds!!

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/25 18:54

First food today! Yeah, they're growing too fast.

Di

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/25 19:47

I check on them all the time. Gosh, they sure are growing and are beautiful pups.....woohoo: Thanks for letting all of us be a part of their lives.....

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/26 01:40

And thank *you* for watching them!

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Di

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by redmustangwoman1 - 2008/10/27 16:06

Im here watching...They are just darling

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by blacklabs - 2008/10/29 18:51

Thnkas for leaving cam on I watch them alot, them are so fun and getting big.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight due date 10/3

Posted by lablady - 2008/10/29 22:04

They're at the fun age. Still sweet and innocent . In the next few weeks they'll turn into terrors with teeth. I just love these little personalities coming out. Every day they show me just a little more of who they are.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight -update- whelped 9/30

Posted by Summersun - 2008/11/01 12:37

I have a question for you lablady. I havent been able to see cams for awhile but now its fixed. I noticed today that you have some type of shavings in the box What kind of shavings do you use? When my bulldogs whelp I basically THROW AWAY a big queen size blanket every 4-7 days depending on how old the puppies are. 5 week old bulldogs make ALOT of poo. Im sure shavings would be cheaper but never thought of it.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight -update- whelped 9/30

Posted by Freshwater - 2008/11/01 22:41

I do almost the same as Dian. When my pups are small I have pieces of carpet in the whelping pen, so the moms cannot kill pups when using blankets and keep nesting, I change this carpets every day, and wash and clean them with my pressure washer, about 4 to 5 weeks old I fill up a bigger pen with shavings to absorb pee and poop, it's easy to clean, I have 5' X 8' pens and I use one big bag of pine shavings that I buy at Walmart, I clean after every meal and as they poop during the day, I add some new shavings to refresh every day, and change completely every week or so.

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Re:"Sparkle" of Blue Knight -update- whelped 9/30

Posted by lablady - 2008/11/15 19:11

Time flies! The puppies are 6 1/2 weeks old. They're getting so big, and turning into little monsters. They're not the sweet, innocent babies they were anymore. Mom still adores them, and is happily nursing them. They're still in the indoor kennel, because the wind here is terrible and it is cold at night.
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