

Pregnancy in Cats

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Feline pregnancy (gestation) is usually 63 to 65 days but can vary slightly between different breeds. A pregnant cat usually needs little help or special care other than attention to her nutrition - extra protein and calories will give her energy to help her body cope with the physical stress. Pregnant cats may show some behavioural changes, for example a decrease in appetite or she may go off her food entirely a few days before birth. It is important to provide a safe quiet place to give birth; cats will often prefer a dark closet or under a bed, so providing a couple of nesting boxes for her to choose from can be helpful. Her kitty litter, food and water should be close by. Outdoor access should be prevented so that she will not wander off to give birth.

