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## Hookworms and the pregnant dog.

As with humans, one can minimize complications with proper care in before and during pregnancy.

The expectant mother will gradually require increasing amounts of food to nourish her developing litter.

A food quality approved for growth (i.e. a puppy food) will certainly be necessary during the nursing period and pregnancy may be a good time to transition into this new diet.

Hookworms and roundworms and can both be transmitted from the pregnant mother dog to her unborn puppies.

This is a nuisance as one usually ends up with both an infected mother and infected puppies ... but fortunately there is a deworming protocol to control this infection.

If you have concerns about internal parasites for the puppies, speak to your vet.

Daily medication will be needed but it is possible for worm-free puppies to be born.