

New Puppies Are Here

Mia and Tora are both doing fabulous, the new puppies are here and are outstanding. Mia has 3 fat rascals, 2 Males and 1 Female. She had some trouble whelping two pups and they were stillborn. She is really good with her pups and these 3 are already as fat as can be. She is in great shape, she is up and moving around and eating well, and these little guys are really going to be growing fast. This is the first time that we can remember that the Males were slightly larger than the females, however after just a few days we can't tell them apart. These will be some husky pups.

One of the big males is called Jager, I'll keep you posted on the names as I get them.

I went out to the Kennel Friday afternoon, Mia was fussy around, had not eaten and was nesting up, so I settled in for the night. She fussed around all night and finally settled down to have pups on Saturday around Noon. By suppertime she was pretty much wrapped up. I stayed Saturday night as well with her to be sure everything she needed was available and all was well. By late Sunday night she was ready to have a bite to eat and drink. She is really content, and I think pretty happy she has an easy time this round.

Mia has produced once again some very good pups. Mia has had an incredible 24 pups, 11 Males, 13 females combined over 4 litters.



Mia, February 12th , 2011

Mia is really in great shape, she looks relaxed and content and her conditioning has placed her in really good stead. She will have a very nice time with this final litter and she looks the best she has ever looked after a new litter, she is amazing.

Tora has an outstanding litter of 7



Tora has a beautiful set of 4 females and 3 Males, all even size, all identical and they are really nice. Tora began fussing around a bit on Monday, she was looking around and getting things ready. She went off her feed that night. Tuesday I spent most of the day with her and by 8 p.m. she was settling in to have them. She had her first puppy at about 11 p.m. and finished up around 5 a.m. I just bunked out in the kennel with her. Tora as well had 1 stillborn, a total litter size of eight. The seven little scrappers are doing very well. Tora is quite a bit different than Mia when it comes to whelping. She is calm and steady, and she has some tremendous power. She just settles in and muscles her way through. Her pups came out almost running, Marlene and I were watching and this one young guy, he wasn't even out of the sack and his front legs were going and he was dragging himself across the floor, sack and all, we were just laughing, these are some tough pups. Tora has a ton of milk, they are all so content, they sleep right on their back, sides, just flat out content. Tora is up today, Thursday, had a good meal, drank, went out for a minute and is looking great. This is going to be a very good group of pups. One of the females from this litter is named Cypress.

Tora is very quiet, she is relaxed, her pups are really content, virtually there is no sound in the kennel at night, everybody is doing great. The only one moving is me putting wood on the stove.

All puppies are strong and active

We have always been fortunate to have good dogs, but Mia has been exceptional. She has produced a set of litters with some of the best Elkhounds in Canada, all pups turning out very well. Here she is on her last litter with yet again, some great pups, and to top it off, not 4 feet away, is her daughter Tora, with 7 pups of her own, grand pups to Mia and Takoda. Mia is nursing these 3 like there is no doubt she is going to have the biggest fattest pups, not to be outdone by Tora. However Tora is a chip off the old block, she already has her's catching right up.

Mia speaks to the fertility of the breed, as does Tora, Mia must have caught on the very first day of the cycle, and to top it off came in a day or so early for good measure.



The weather has turned cold the last few days, - 25 but it's nice and warm in the kennel, I have been keeping the stove stoked up and it's pretty nice. The new foam floor is an absolute dream, nice and soft, good grip for the pups, easy to wipe down, glad I put it down.

Tora is old World Elkhound through and through

Tora is a bit different than Mia especially when it comes to whelping and her actions and so on. Mia will rip the blankets up and tear things up getting ready, Tora, she never tore a thing. Just real nice, arranged things, changed them a bit, but basically just made it nice and settled in and pushed. Not too worried, or agitated, just calm and collected, like she had been doing it for centuries.

Things are way different when it comes to moving the pups or touching the pups though, that is a new ball game. With Mia, I can move the pups around, touch them, she never worries a bit, never makes any motion that she is concerned or anything of that nature. Tora on the other hand, her Takoda old world genes come out and she lets me know, hey Mister, don't be messing around with my pups, I can look after them just fine, hands off. Put it this way, nobody but me would be able to touch her pups. She tolerates me, and lets me work with her, but she will growl and let me know, times up pal, vamoose. This is a serious momma. Her pups can sleep flat on their backs for good reason, they know nobody is bothering them.

Tora basically never moved a muscle till this morning, sure she turned around and so forth, but basically just let them little guys get all fed up right from Tuesday night to Thursday morning, she is really good at this. I am not sure if she thought she was in a race to see who came in first, but Mia had a full week head start in the breeding cycle and Tora managed to all but catch right up.



Tora was born April 2009, here she is with her own litter February 2011. 7 Healthy Pups. We need to give Bram some very good credit, we only took Tora there twice, good work Bram! We can tell this is a good matchup already, this is a nice strong bunch of pups.

Takoda ramps up security



Takoda is extremely watchful at anytime, but put a couple litters of pups on his turf and he becomes a whole new animal. The big gray's from the Northern region of Sweden have been known to be downright miserable to anything moving on their territory while there are pups on the ground, and make no mistake he is on full alert. He has been on patrol since before they came in, but at night I put him in the kennel and the females are more than content knowing they don't have to be first line guard. He has been through this before and has a pretty good handle on all the new noises and scents, but



instinctively you can just tell he knows he has to be fully prepared and taking no chances. You can never be 100% sure of your timing when taking a female to a different stud male, however having your own big male in the same location, he will be sure to indicate the exact time to take her. Takoda was right on the mark with Tora, he told us the exact day to take her down, and judging by her litter it couldn't have been better. Young Bram did a terrific job as well, he only had a limited window of time but he proved to live up to his heritage.



The match up with Bram and Tora, a daughter of Takoda, is already shaping up to be an excellent one. The pups are full of vigor, all even and doing very well. The last 3 pups from Takoda's final mating with Mia has yielded 3 more beautiful pups.