

Reproduction in the Canine and Feline

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The Bitch

- **Puberty - 6 mo.**
- **Monoestrus**
 - » **One estrus during breeding season**
- **Estrous Cycle**
 - » **Proestrus**
 - » **Estrus** **Heat**
 - » **Metestrus**
 - » **Anestrus**

Estrous Cycle

- **Proestrus (9 days)**
 - » **Vulva swollen**
 - » **Bloody discharge**
 - » **Attracted to male but does not mate**
- **Estrus (9 days, ovulation day 2)**
 - » **Accepts male**
 - » **Straw-colored discharge**
- **Metestrus (90 days)**
 - » **False pregnancy**
- **Anestrus (75 days)**
 - » **Sexual inactivity**