

# Natsumisou Shikoku Kennel



Newsletter

July 2018, part 2

## **Birth :**

After birth, as during gestation, Natsumi received plenty of rest, daily routines and a clean environment. She felt comfortable and safe in her whelping box and bravely went through delivery. With a list of important phone numbers at hand, we were ready to assist if needed. However, Natsumi delivered her puppies without any help on June 20th 2018:

- + first born puppy, male, normal position at 14.40 hours, 330 grams, placenta eaten
- + second born puppy, normal position at 14.50 hours, 370 grams, placenta eaten
- + third puppy, female, breech at 15.06 hours, 310 grams, placenta eaten

In dogs, breech is considered completely normal and approximately 40% of births are breech. The first puppy/ male swallowed a large amount of amniotic fluid. We sucked mucus from his little mouth but he was still slow to get going. After carefully swinging the puppy gently but firmly, alternating with applied pressure on the puppy's chest, he soon started breathing.

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Luckily we were present and acted instantly so he was fine as soon as he was breathing on his own.

The second pup/ male was born soon after, he was breathing well and on his own starght away. Shortly thereafter, the female was born and it was smooth sailing from there.

After a few hours we checked all the vital signs and umbilical cords etc. We checked Natsumi for any damage, body temperature, etc.



Two days later, on June 22nd the umbilical cords of all three pups fell off.

On June 28th we registered the births with the Dutch Kennel Club and we were asked to give the puppy's their formal registered kennel names.

After careful consideration we came up with the perfect names for this litter and they reflect the impressive pedigrees and history behind their line.

First pup, **Kenichi Kinchairo** ; First healthy son, perfectly lively  
Second pup, **Kenji Yamamichi** ; Second healthy son, mountain path  
Third pup, **Mitsuko Yuna** ; child of light, the powerful  
Name of the first litter **Atae** ; meaning **gift**  
The kennel name **Natsumisou** ; born from Natsumi

## Feeding after birth:

During the **first week**, Natsumi fed the puppies perfectly, which is to say every two or three hours. We checked daily to see how much weight the puppies gained, which was between 30 and 60 grams per day.

During the **second week**, Natsumi fed the puppies once per three or four hours. They also took their first shaky steps. Natsumi did eat up to 3-5 times her normal amount of food (150 grams), though.



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100 grams of cooked fish in the morning, 110 grams of Farm Food meat in the afternoon, 300 grams of dry food spread throughout the day and some goodies every now and then like a boiled egg with shell, raw smoked salmon or boiled marrow.

Because the pups are fairly active at this point, we've removed the bars from the whelping box on July 1st.

On July 3rd, the pups looked into the wide world and their hearing increased. During the **third and fourth week**, Natsumi nursed every four or five hours.



On July 14th the pups were allowed to play outside their whelping box, but they return there at night to sleep. And then they appear to do their business mostly on the training mat. Amazing!

## **Aftercare for the puppies:**

On July 6th, the pups get their first deworming medicine (1 mL per kg), which will be repeated at the ages of 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 weeks. Natsumi also receives a deworming pill together with her puppies for now. They are weighed daily, pampered a lot and taught to sit still, to cut their nails for instance.

Natsumi corrects the puppies when they are too wild. She also makes them drink while standing so they learn to balance.



Starting from July 17th, we slowly wean the pups because their baby teeth have started to appear.

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We're making them familiar with soaked dog food because they can digest it better and Natsumi's milk production has decreased. The amount of food given will vary depending on how much the puppies need.



On July 19th, the pups got all of their nails cut for the first time and from today, they will be inspected in their mouths and underneath their bellies.

The next day (July 20) they got dewormed for the second time with the medicine Drontal pup. Starting from July 23rd, they're allowed to discover the living room, and we can begin raising them. After 6 weeks, they will be given four meals a day.

## **Vaccinations:**

The first vaccinations are given when the puppies are six weeks old. We check if they are sufficiently protected against doggy diseases. The second vaccinations will be given at the age of nine weeks, against the diseases of Weil and Parvo. When the pups turn 12 weeks old, they receive a cocktail if necessary and the pups going to foreign countries will be given a mandatory vaccination against rabies and a deworming treatment by a vet.

## **Chipping:**

The puppies are given a chip by the Dutch Kennel Club a when they are 7 weeks old. Their DNA gets registered and they can be transported to their new owners.



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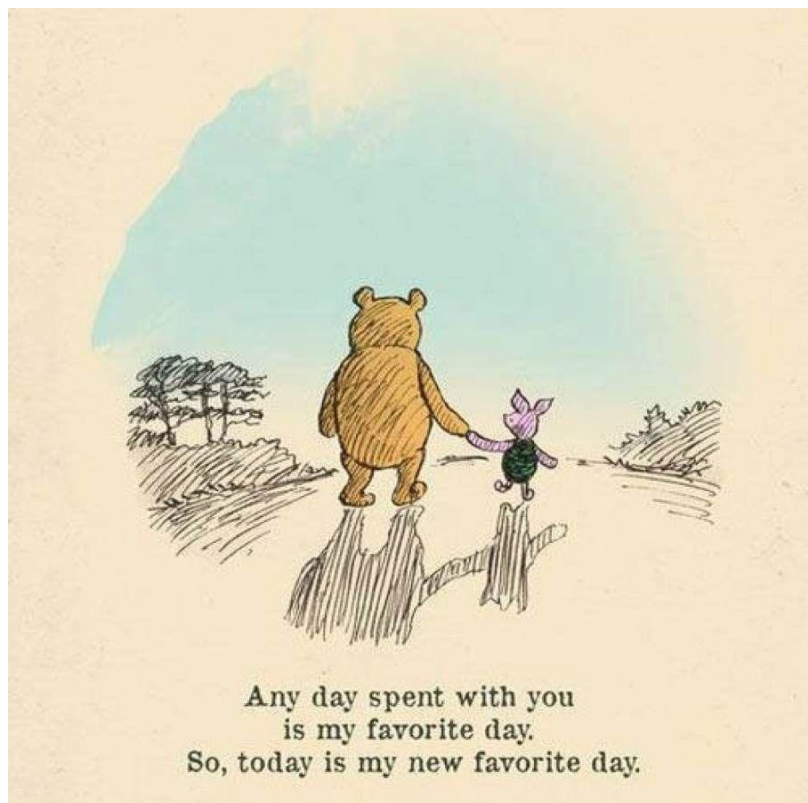
## **Puppy training and exercise:**

A puppy can exercise 5 minutes per month of age. An 8 week old pup is allowed to spend 10 minutes on an activity, and a 12 week old pup can spend 15.

Very important: make sure the puppy gets enough rest in between exercise!



fltr: Kenichi Kinchairo, Kenji Yamamichi, Mitsuko Yuna



Any day spent with you  
is my favorite day.  
So, today is my new favorite day.