



## THE KLONDIKE NUGGETS

16th August

Born 13 August 2010



Well what can you call a litter of puppies totaling eleven? They form enough of a team to make the NFL, so why not enter them as the "KLONDIKE NUGGETS" - and who knows they just may make the Super Bowl.

Yes Abigail (commonly known as Abby amongst her friends and peers) presented us with seven girls and four boys early Friday morning. For Welgem that is a record. All the kids weighed in between 7.5 and 9.5 ounces and came into the world healthy and ready to take to the field, well sort of. She delivered all the puppies within four hours. On the down side having so many puppies is putting a strain on her ability to nurse them all so that they gain weight. We have intervened to help her along by bottle feeding the pups three times a day. We give the puppies condensed milk with a bit of corn syrup along with some water to thin the mixture. The pups are all gaining weight and it is easing the burden on Abby. They still nurse from Mum and they have readily accepted the bottle feeding. It is important for them to nurse as we want Abby's antibodies to be passed along. Abby is producing lots of milk and our help will maintain maximum dietary needs for the puppies.

The pups also have had their dew claws removed and are none the worse for their first adventure. It is very quick. The vet freezes the area before removal and then places a dab of crazy glue mixture over the wound to aid the healing process. All eleven puppies were done within 30 minutes.

This weekend we will take some photos of the pups individually and also a video - in the meantime we did want to get something on the site for all to see.

So until this weekend we hope to see you again when the Klondike Nuggets take to the field to continue their adventures...



Meet the "KLONDIKE NUGGETS"



The happy Mom with her pups



*Ok are you ready, meet:*

*Amber, Beth, Casey, Dolly, Ethan, Fiona, Gina, Heidi, Ian, Jocko and Kristi*



Now this is contentment...