

Small Breed Puppies and Hypoglycemia

Sometimes our small breed puppies experience bouts of hypoglycemia. We want you to know what to look for so your puppy can be treated right away.

When a tiny/small breed puppy experiences a hypoglycemic episode, his or her brain is literally starving for glucose (sugar) and the pup's brain begins shutting down. Hypoglycemia is not a disease and it is not contagious. It is a condition that can happen to any small dog, regardless of health or age.

Symptoms to watch for include low energy, loss of appetite, lack of coordination, weakness, trembling, seizures, unconsciousness.

Some items you can have on hand in the event your puppy experiences hypoglycemia include karo syrup, molasses, peanut butter (made with real sugar) or Nutritional Gel from a pet store, which is basically molasses in a tube.

If you think the pup is having a low blood sugar episode, get something in his/her mouth or on his/her gums immediately!!

The pups have been eating NutriSource small breed puppy food dry but you can offer canned puppy food, boiled chicken breast cut in small pieces if you notice they are not eating. The pups should eat a small amount three to four times a day. We offer dry food at all times in addition to the alternatives.

We recommend bottled water for a few days then mixed with your tap water. We have well water and any chemicals in the water from your city/county water system may upset his/her tummy.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, your vet should be the first call made.