

Hypoglycemia can be very serious and even fatal.

It is important to be fully educated and knowledgeable about what hypoglycemia is, what the symptoms are, and how to treat it. Hypoglycemia can be treated at home in most cases.

Hypoglycemia or low blood sugar is a common problem in small breed puppies. Young animals in general do not have the energy stores yet developed that adults have, allowing them to maintain an adequate blood sugar levels in times of fasting or stress. Small breed puppies are at an even greater disadvantage because they have a relatively higher metabolic rate and energy requirement. Small breed puppies may also be more likely to suffer from hypoglycemia do to decreased body temperature as small puppies can't regulate their body temperature

like adults can. Keeping your puppy warm is very important as a decrease in body temperature can lead to decreased food intake, decreased gastro-intestinal utilization of food and hypoglycemia.

Signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia include weakness, lethargy, poor appetite, altered mental status, twitching, tremoring, seizures and coma. If left untreated, hypoglycemia will be fatal. If an owner suspects hypoglycemia, they can help to increase blood sugar by rubbing a small amount of Karo syrup on the gums. Care must be taken not to administer too much or causing aspiration. Small amounts at a time by syringe and finger to the gums is most important to get your puppies blood sugar levels back up.

If caught relatively early, the prognosis for in

home care of a hypoglycemic puppy is good.

If your puppy is seizing or comatose continue to rub small amounts of Karo syrup on the gums and call your veterinarian. This can still also be done on your drive to your veterinarian.

A hypoglycemic is always an emergency situation and keeping a close eye on your puppy and your puppies behavior and food intake is most important. The key is prevention by ensuring that the pet is consuming their food, water, and staying warm.

It is important to notify your breeder immediately should any health issues arise.

Buyers signature below certifies that they have read this very important part of our

contract and understands hypoglycemia in puppies what symptoms to look for, and how to treat hypoglycemia.

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