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To: Joyce
Subject: Re: Sick pup

Hi Mijoy

I am married, NO children by choice. We bought a Yorkie some years back from a Breeder close by and at the same time mentioned to her that if she ever had a small one, to please remember us.

We got the call last year and were thrilled when we purchased our new yorkie. The joy did not last long. It was an out and out nightmare. The pup was totally unstable. Blood sugar up and down like a yoyo . Shocking appetite, repeated upset stomachs. This went on for months and months. We went to so many different vets for a 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th plus opinion. Nothing or no one could help. The pup just did not thrive for whatever reason.

We tried phoning breeders for their opinions, we got some downright rude breeders, others overly helpful, but none could advise what we were experiencing or offer any help.

I moved employment and went to our head office and noticed one of my work colleagues on a yorkie site. Yours. I then went onto your site and wished I had known about you all those months ago.

Our pup died at 8 months of age. I was away at the time, my Mother became seriously ill – not a trip I had planned, most unexpected. My Husband took leave to look after our pup. On the fourth day the pup was off colour, the next day dead. My Husband was so traumatised by this that he buried the dog and did not mention it to me until my return three days later. I would have wanted an autopsy done and all the necessary carried out to see what the problem was. As a result of this happening the Breeder and I no longer talk.

We are looking to buy another yorkie towards the end of this year. I am petrified because those months with that sick pup were hell on earth.

Have you any ideas what was wrong with this pup? I would appreciate your opinion.

Best Wishes

SVB

Hello

I am sorry for your loss. It is a major emotional upset when one has a pup like this and you have all the problems and you end up losing it. A lot of people could tell you they too have walked that road. Over the years I have had so many of the public contact me with their problems and the tiny sized dog. It is not happening that much or it is not coming to my ears that much of this happening so frequently but then we do try and inform the public. We have helped a lot of people over the years

in understanding the teacup and a lot as a result have not bought one. The majority of the TEACUP pups on the market today are not TEACUPS but pocket sized dogs, and a lot are not small pocket size either. Teacup just seems to be a word a lot of puppy breeders are using to attract the public.

I am no vet, but for what it is worth I will tell you what I think. Mind you some vets???? Are not that knowledgeable on the smaller yorkie either. I do not mean this in a disrespectful way, just as a lot of vets are not good with cows, horses etc. A good few are not good with the real tiny yorkie. I see it periodically when the real genuine tinies need to be sterilised, the owners vet will refer them back to me and my own vet does the surgery.

This pup I do not believe was a genuine teacup or pocket pup, you do not mention his actual size, but obviously SMALL. I believe it more than likely was the runt in the litter. More than likely had a health problem, possible liver shunt. One can obviously not say without doing tests etc. The fact that it is not the norm for your breeder to produce the tinier sized yorkie, makes this more possible in my opinion, HOWEVER, this does not mean, that in any normal sized yorkie pup litter, should a tiny all of a sudden pop up that this will be a runt that is ill from day one. A pup like that could be 100% healthy.

What I can tell you however, a genuine tiny dog, has loads of energy, eats extremely well, will not suffer with repeated upset stomachs. Will not have sugar level ups and downs. The odd hypoglycaemic attack is not a train smash, if you know what caused it. A healthy pup will not just all of a sudden have a hypoglycaemic attack. Low blood sugar – without a good reason. By this I mean, if the pup did not eat a meal, has an upset stomach, then it COULD, please note COULD be the reason the pup would have an episode with blood sugar. If it is something that happens on a regular basis you would have to dig deeper. There will be an underlying reason, for this happening regularly. NO pup irrespective of its size just gets sugar problems regularly. The reason for a dog becoming hypoglycaemic – the mass of the pup is relatively low in the smaller pups resulting in the blood sugar fluctuating quite drastically IF there is a reason. EG. Your pup skips a meal or two. In all likelihood that pup is going to have an episode or could have an episode. You need to find out why your dog is not eating. The smaller the pup, the more dangerous this can be to the pup.

I believe it all boils down to one thing. How that tiny dog is bred. If the breeder – which was not the case with your pup, deliberately goes out of their way to breed these tinies, by constantly interbreeding or breeding smaller and smaller dogs to each other, this is often where the smaller yorkies produced by these means are sickly, ill pups and they die soon after you have purchased them or you battle for months only to lose the dog before it is a year of age.

If you read my site you will realise that the above method of breeding is not the way we breed our dogs. We do not want to be known for selling sickly tiny dogs that die. ALL our pups irrespective of their size carry health guarantees.

Once again I am sorry for your loss. Good luck in the future.