

Hypoglycaemia

This is something that no dog has been born with but something that develops in most cases when a pup does not eat properly. This will obviously affect the smaller sized pups and is rarely seen in the larger sized pups/dogs, as their body mass is that much more.

A pup suffering with this will appear weak, not be able to stand up properly, may be unconscious, fitting, convulsing. A pup presenting with these symptoms needs to see a vet. You can rub honey on the pup's gums but only do this to a conscious pup. Do not attempt to give the pup anything by mouth if you have an unconscious - fitting pup, the pup could bite your fingers, because it is now showing symptoms of being in shock and does not know what it is doing.

Something I have come to realise that a healthy, pup irrespective of its size, will not have a hypoglycemic attack ever, if it is fed regularly, dewormed regularly. You must watch if your pup goes off its food or has an upset stomach and vomiting because this is the time your smaller pup could hit a problem.

YOU cannot adopt a let's wait and see policy with a pup having a hypoglycemic attack, it needs to see a vet and fast or you could be sitting with a dead pup in a relatively short period of time.

IF you have a pup that repeatedly has hypoglycaemic attacks, ask your vet to run tests on the pup. 99% of strong, healthy pups irrespective of their size will never have an attack of this nature. If you sit with repeated attacks, in all probability your pup has an underlying health problem, Seek professional help.