

Medical

*** **HYPOGLYCEMIA** or low blood sugar is a common problem in small breed puppies. Young puppies do not have the energy stores yet developed that adults have, allowing them to maintain an adequate blood sugar level in times of fasting or stress. Clinical signs of hypoglycemia include lethargy, muscle twitching, altered behavior, and weakness. One way to tell if your puppy is experiencing low blood sugar is to check their gums to see if they are pale white or grey. Sometimes when situations are new or stressful the first sign of low blood sugar can be refusing food. In this case, we recommend **NUTRI-CAL** which you can give a pea sized amount every 15 minutes until their gums return to a healthy pink. As an added benefit Nutri-cal acts as an appetite stimulant. We have included some in your puppy gift bag and it's great to have on hand as a food supplement when traveling.

*** **DIARRHEA** – **Kaolin Pectin** is an anti-diarrheal for dogs and is good to have if their tummy is upset. Can buy at Tractor Supply. Encourage lots of water!

Pumpkin (pure canned or powdered form NOT pie filling) is wonderful to help with digestive problems and can be added to pup's food. We also like to use **Back 40 Dogs Pumpkin Powder** sprinkle on to food.

Nature's Diet for Pets – Bone Broth Original Blend with Pumpkin, Fish Oil and Turmeric is wonderful too. Can be used as a liquid soup treat or sprinkled onto food.

Feeding

We feed dry dog food 2 meals a day for an adult and 3 for a puppy. We set ½ cup of food out for 15-20 minutes and then take it up and cover for the next meal. If they are not hungry at their regular mealtime, they will eat at the next mealtime. We never leave food out all day for the dogs to “graze.” Regular timed meals help to regulate their potty schedule. We never feed soft dog food as it is terrible for dental development and hygiene. They love to eat from a snuffle mat, and this is a great foraging activity / slow feeder. Also, they are used to having competition for food with their litter mates, so it may take time for your puppy to get use to having their meal to themselves.

Dog Food - Blue Buffalo Baby Blue Puppy Dry – Chicken and Brown Rice Recipe - A large bag will last your puppy 6 months!

Primal Freeze-Dried Nuggets RAW Chicken, Beef, Lamb, Rabbit, Pork etc.– Great for traveling and supplement with the kibble.

Water Bottle - *Always give your dog access to fresh cold water! Your puppy has already been trained to use a water bottle. **Vannon Dog Water Dispenser for Crate Leakproof Water Bottle** - Small size

Dog Food Storage Container
Small Food and Water Bowls