**"Low blood sugar" in tiny puppies is referred to as "hypoglycemia" and is a serious condition that can occur when a small puppy, particularly from a toy breed, doesn't have enough glucose (sugar) in their bloodstream, often due to their small size and inability to regulate blood sugar levels effectively**; this can lead to symptoms like weakness, lethargy, tremors, seizures, and even coma if not treated promptly. [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [2](https://www.purinaproclub.com/purinaproclub.com/resources/dog-articles/health/hypoglycemia-requires-quick-intervention-in-toy-breeds), [3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia), [4](https://firstvet.com/us/articles/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies)]

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* **High risk breeds:** Toy breeds like Chihuahuas, Yorkshire Terriers, Maltese, and Teacup puppies are most susceptible due to their small size and rapid metabolism. [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [2](https://www.purinaproclub.com/purinaproclub.com/resources/dog-articles/health/hypoglycemia-requires-quick-intervention-in-toy-breeds), [3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia)]
* **Causes:** [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia), [5](https://www.wikihow.com/Handle-Hypoglycemia-in-Young-Puppies)]
  + **Insufficient feeding:** Missing meals or not feeding frequently enough. [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia), [5](https://www.wikihow.com/Handle-Hypoglycemia-in-Young-Puppies)]
  + **Stressful situations:** Excessive play, travel, vet visits [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia), [4](https://firstvet.com/us/articles/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies)]
  + **Cold temperatures:** Low body temperature can exacerbate the issue [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [6](https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=4952329#:~:text=They%20also%20have%20difficulty%20maintaining%20body%20temperature,is%20called%20hypoglycemia%2C%20creates%20even%20more%20listlessness.), [7](https://animalcarevets.com/toy-breed-hypoglycemia/)]
  + **Poor quality diet:** Not providing enough calories or nutrients [[3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia), [8](https://www.quora.com/How-do-I-handle-hypoglycemia-in-young-puppies#:~:text=Frequent%20small%20meals%20of%20high%2Dcalorie%2C%20high%2Dmeat%20foods,puppies%2C%20who%20are%20prone%20to%20this%20problem.), [9](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rptsaeo8wNY)]
* **Symptoms to watch for:** [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [2](https://www.purinaproclub.com/purinaproclub.com/resources/dog-articles/health/hypoglycemia-requires-quick-intervention-in-toy-breeds), [10](https://www.thesprucepets.com/low-blood-sugar-in-puppies-2804768)]
  + Lethargy and weakness [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [2](https://www.purinaproclub.com/purinaproclub.com/resources/dog-articles/health/hypoglycemia-requires-quick-intervention-in-toy-breeds), [10](https://www.thesprucepets.com/low-blood-sugar-in-puppies-2804768)]
  + Lack of coordination [[2](https://www.purinaproclub.com/purinaproclub.com/resources/dog-articles/health/hypoglycemia-requires-quick-intervention-in-toy-breeds), [4](https://firstvet.com/us/articles/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies), [7](https://animalcarevets.com/toy-breed-hypoglycemia/)]
  + Tremors or shaking [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [2](https://www.purinaproclub.com/purinaproclub.com/resources/dog-articles/health/hypoglycemia-requires-quick-intervention-in-toy-breeds), [10](https://www.thesprucepets.com/low-blood-sugar-in-puppies-2804768)]
  + Disorientation [[4](https://firstvet.com/us/articles/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies), [7](https://animalcarevets.com/toy-breed-hypoglycemia/), [10](https://www.thesprucepets.com/low-blood-sugar-in-puppies-2804768)]
  + Loss of appetite [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [2](https://www.purinaproclub.com/purinaproclub.com/resources/dog-articles/health/hypoglycemia-requires-quick-intervention-in-toy-breeds), [7](https://animalcarevets.com/toy-breed-hypoglycemia/)]
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* **Immediate action:**
  + **Feed small amounts of high-calorie food:** Offer a small amount of puppy food or a specially formulated "puppy milk replacer".
  + **Apply Karo syrup on gums or in throat with syringe:** Rub a tiny amount of Karo syrup directly onto the puppy's gums for quick absorption. Or in an extreme case syringe Karo syrup slowly in throat until puppy begins to move around (usually about a ml or two more
  + **Contact your veterinarian:** If symptoms persist or are severe, seek immediate veterinary care. [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia), [5](https://www.wikihow.com/Handle-Hypoglycemia-in-Young-Puppies), [7](https://animalcarevets.com/toy-breed-hypoglycemia/), [8](https://www.quora.com/How-do-I-handle-hypoglycemia-in-young-puppies#:~:text=Frequent%20small%20meals%20of%20high%2Dcalorie%2C%20high%2Dmeat%20foods,puppies%2C%20who%20are%20prone%20to%20this%20problem.), [11](https://www.marvistavet.com/toy-breed-hypoglycemia.pml)]

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* **Frequent small meals:** Feed your puppy small meals several times a day, especially during the first few months. [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia), [5](https://www.wikihow.com/Handle-Hypoglycemia-in-Young-Puppies)]
* **High-quality food:** Ensure the puppy food is formulated for small breeds and provides adequate nutrition. [[3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia), [8](https://www.quora.com/How-do-I-handle-hypoglycemia-in-young-puppies#:~:text=Frequent%20small%20meals%20of%20high%2Dcalorie%2C%20high%2Dmeat%20foods,puppies%2C%20who%20are%20prone%20to%20this%20problem.), [9](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rptsaeo8wNY)]
* **Monitor feeding behavior:** Watch for signs of not eating enough and encourage feeding if necessary [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [2](https://www.purinaproclub.com/purinaproclub.com/resources/dog-articles/health/hypoglycemia-requires-quick-intervention-in-toy-breeds), [3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia)]
* **Warm environment:** Keep the puppy in a warm and comfortable environment [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [6](https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=4952329#:~:text=They%20also%20have%20difficulty%20maintaining%20body%20temperature,is%20called%20hypoglycemia%2C%20creates%20even%20more%20listlessness.), [7](https://animalcarevets.com/toy-breed-hypoglycemia/)]
* **Consult your vet:** Discuss any concerns about your puppy's feeding habits and potential risk for hypoglycemia with your veterinarian. [[1](https://metro-vet.com/references/hypoglycemia-in-small-breed-puppies/), [2](https://www.purinaproclub.com/purinaproclub.com/resources/dog-articles/health/hypoglycemia-requires-quick-intervention-in-toy-breeds), [3](https://www.royalkennels.com/hypoglycemia)]

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