



HYPOGLYCAEMIA MANAGEMENT

What is a 'hypo' episode (hypoglycaemia)?

Hypoglycaemia is a low blood sugar level; it can be life threatening. This most often occurs when a pet does not eat or does excessive exercise following a normal meal. Low blood sugar levels will make the affected animal very weak, and this can result in collapse or twitchiness and seizures (fits).

How should I feed my pet?

Please feed your animal with his/her normal food, divided in small but frequent meals (5-6 times a day). Please avoid sugary treats/meals as that can affect the sugar blood levels quickly.

How can I detect a hypoglycaemic episode?

When the blood glucose is only mildly low, the dog will be very tired and unresponsive. You may call it and get no response. Since many dogs sleep a lot during the day, this important sign is easily missed. Please watch for signs of low glucose, which include restlessness, tremors, lethargy or seizures. If mild clinical signs please give a small meal. If severe, apply honey or jam in the gums and look for veterinary assistance.

If severe hypoglycaemia occurs, a dog will have seizures or lose consciousness. This is an emergency that can only be reversed with intravenous administration of glucose. If it occurs please contact us (**01268 564664**), or your local vet as soon as possible for emergency assistance.

