

Desert Oasis Poodles



LOOSE STOOLS INSTRUCTIONS

Loose stools in puppies can be caused by many different things, from simple G.I. upset due to a food change, stress, new environments or by something more dangerous like parvo, distemper, bacterial or viral infection, or parasites. Always let common sense and good judgement rule when it comes to making decisions about the health of your puppy. If your gut tells you to go to the vet, go to the vet.

Take Your Puppy to The Vet ASAP if Your Puppy:

1. Acts lethargic, is hard to get moving.
2. Has a fever. (The normal rectal temperature of a dog is 101.5.)
3. Refuses food or water.
4. Vomits more than once.
5. Has blood in his stool or vomit.
6. Has black tarry stools (Indicates internal bleeding)
7. Has pale gums. (Press on his gums and watch for the pink to leave and return.)
8. Has given you reason to believe he swallowed a foreign object or something poisonous to dogs.
9. Has diarrhea that lasts more than 48 hours.

Treating At Home:

1. Give LOTS AND LOTS OF WATER.
2. Chicken broth can be given to encourage water consumption.
3. Give a bland diet in very small portions. Overeating alone can cause diarrhea in puppies. You can either buy a bland diet at the vet's office or make your own with half white rice, half boiled chicken breast.
4. Give small amounts of bland diet several times a day.
5. As loose stools improve, begin to mix 3/4 bland diet with 1/4 puppy food.
6. Over feedings, increase the amount of dog food and decrease the amount bland diet.