

Chronic “on and off” Diarrhea in Small Doggos

For some small breeds like Yorkies, Morkies, Maltese, Shorkies, etc there’s a recurring cycle of:

Diarrhea → Colitis → HGE (Hemorrhagic GastroEnteritis)

Maybe you have a little dog that gets diarrhea, on-and-off a lot. And whenever they go on medicines and special food **they do okay**. Then they go back on **regular** food, and a week (or a month) later they’re “back at it” with the diarrhea.

Add this: When they have diarrhea for a day or two without medicine – it gets worse and turns bloody.

They may “strain to poop” like, squatting without producing a movement.

Is HGE serious?

Damn straight. **They can die**. The poop looks like strawberry jam and then it’s lights out 24 hours later without fluids and aggressive medications. The goal is to **PREVENT** this cycle from happening over and over. These chronic “on and off” diarrheas do well with:

Metronidazole, Endosorb or Sucralfate, and Loperamide as a “2-3 days cycle” when the poops are getting out of control. It functions as your “Diarrhea Emergency Kit” on hand all the time.

Special foods which are **LOW FAT and HIGH soluble fiber**. And that *AIN’T ROUGHAGE*. They don’t need ‘roughage’ as much as soluble fiber. An example of this food is **Hill’s i/D *dry* LOW FAT**.

Can I avoid that diet?

Yeppers. You can cook a diet of boiled egg, and low carb vegetables and a pinch of rice, and tint it orange with Libby’s 100% pumpkin, canned.

Just feed NO MORE THAN 1/4c per ten pounds twice a day. Nothing on it to “get them to eat”.

Colitis dogs will go light on ‘colitis-days’ SO LET THEM FAST. ***Those skip-meal days and “only-ate-light” days are NOT the time to coax a colitis-dog***

How do you know whether to use Sucralfate or Endosorb?

If the poops are bloody, it’s Sucralfate. If they’re not, then Endosorb/Propectalin are better.

- **Bloody = Sucralfate**
- **Not Bloody = Endosorb**

When you see diarrhea (Or right now)

- Suspend food for 24 hours
- Tomorrow feed Low fat i/D
- Continue on Low Fat i/D –or–
- Cook and add a Pumpkin tint to each meal.
- Use Metronidazole, Endosorb, and Loperamide