

Article 15: Symptoms, Prevention, and Treatment of Hip Dysplasia Hip dysplasia in dogs is a common ailment that affects the ball joints in the dog's hind legs. This usually occurs during a dog's growth stages commonly between 3 months and 12 years of age. But this might show up when the dog is older. This is common to large and giant breed dogs, and in some medium sized dogs. Purebred dogs have more chances of acquiring this disease than cross breeds.

There are two most common causes of hip dysplasia. This can be hereditary or it can be caused by nutritional factors. This condition can be easily passed on by dogs that have it onto their puppies that others that don't. Puppies can be carriers or even suffer from the disease. The development of this ailment in dogs could also be caused by poor nutrition. Dogs who are healthy are more unlikely to acquire this disease.

Hip dysplasia can be indicated by many symptoms. A dog that walks with a noticeable limp, stiff legged or avoids exercise have to be checked out immediately by your vet. When you leave this conditions not checked out by a vet, it may only result to more serious conditions. Your dog might not want to interact with you for it is too painful for him to move. He might have high blood pressure, pain aggression and many other problems.

This disease can be prevented from affecting your dog. One of the best and most important way is to choose your dog from professional breeders. They have parent dog s that have been tested for dysplasia so you can be pretty much sure you are not getting one that has the disease.

You can also prevent hip dysplasia by giving your dogs the proper diet. Also, you need to keep the dog in good shape through exercising.

There are treatments for this ailment considering what you can afford and how advanced the disease is. In some situations, your vet may give you anti-inflammatory medications, and suggest that you give your dog proper food and reduce its weight. He would also tell you to give your dog moderate exercise. But in advanced cases, your dog might have to undergo surgery. And if he does, you have to be careful in following doctors advice on how to care for your dog since this is the best way for your dog to recover.

Hip dysplasia is a disease in dogs where in new treatments are being examined all the time. With dedicated breeders helping in breeding the healthiest animals, some preventive measures taken into consideration by owners, and the proper vet care, you know your dog can live longer, have a happy and healthy life and soon overcome this disease.

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