## PRE ECLAMPSIA IN NORFOLK

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Twopea had her litter of one by C-section on a Sunday afternoon. While talking with the emergency vet, I mentioned giving her extra calcium in her IV. He looked at me like I was nutty, but I am use to that with veterinarians that don't know me, and after several hours of having me in his clinic, he decided to do a calcium test. The test was normal, so Twopea did not get calcium in her IV.

In a previous litter with a different bitch that always suffered from extreme nervousness and panting and digging after whelping, the vet gave her IV fluid with calcium to stimulate contractions. That worked and she didn't have to have a C section, but also no pre eclampsia when I took her home. It was her last litter and she always had pre eclampsia. So I tried to get the emergency vet to give Twopea calcium with her IV as a preventative.

I took Twopea and her new puppy home, both too groggy for my liking, but both would make it. One week later Twopea was panting , digging frantically, and wanting to crawl out of the whelping box into my lap. I recognized the symptoms as pre eclampsia. Not full blow eclampsia, but bad enough that the puppy was in danger and she was driving me nuts. Since I had finally convinced my personal vet that this condition existed in Norfolk, I had calcium phosphorous shots on hand and administered 1 cc under the skin. About 30 minutes later, this calm content mother was nursing her puppy, and her breeder was breathing a sigh of relief and retired for night. Next morning my husband woke me to. "get up and give this crazy dog a shot!" The shot had worn off, and she was digging and panting and wild eyed. I gave her the shot.

I knew were we not out of the woods yet, so to the computer I went to research this condition. Fortunately, I got side tracked by a post from BNTC about Specialty in July, so I ended up on their web site. There was an article from Magda O about a pudding that would help bring in the milk and provide calcium. Well, Twopea had more than enough milk for one puppy so I didn't worry about the special tea, but the recipe was there, and Madga said no diarrhea! So off to the store to buy pudding mix (not the instant), eggs, and milk. I mixed up pudding with 4 cups of milk, one cup more than required by recipe, 4 egg yolks, and added three tablespoons of Osteo-form SA (calcium -phosphorus with vitamin) that I had on hand (my modification). I cooked it according to the recipe. It was delicious.

The test, would Twopea eat it? Yes, she ate 4 tablespoons and I waited. By noon no symptoms. I gave her three tablespoons for lunch, and waited. No symptoms. At 4 pm, I mixed this miracle cure with her kibble. (I
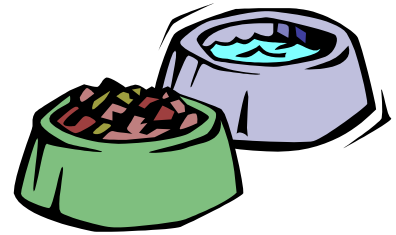


Twopea and her puppy Peatea

joked with my husband about eating some myself and calming down.) Twopea ate it all, no symptoms. I gave her three more tablespoons before retiring. That night I slept fitfully worried she was digging in her box, so at 5 am I checked, and she didn't hear me open the door. She was

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Zzzzzzzzz and puppy was nursing.  At breakfast, more pudding and kibble.  No symptoms.

No diarrhea!  A calm bitch, a happy puppy and a relaxed breeder.  Thank God!  Before I knew that there was a name for this wildness in the whelping box (pre eclampsia),  I have taken puppies from a bitch to keep them from getting hurt!  Later spaying the bitch after one litter thinking she was poor mother. All the

time it was a simple low calcium level that can occur from whelping all the way through 8 weeks.  After discovering this, many years ago, I started stocking Osteo  Form SA and mixing it with canned puppy food.  Not successful!  The calcium worked but Diarrhea also happened from the puppy food. The injections were short term (lasting four to six hours) and I hate needles.  But this pudding,  this works!

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"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 23

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