

# Breeder Tips from United All Breed Registry



## True Survival "Tails"

On a happier note, check out this photo story about the kitty that got rescued from the pipe, the puppy that got flushed down the toilet (and survived!) and many more joyous pet recoveries

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## Fading Puppies

**Sadly**, 20-40% of all puppies (and kittens) born alive do not survive. Little is known about the condition called Fading Puppy Syndrome. It can occur anytime between birth and 9 weeks of age and the causes could be environmental, genetic or infectious.

Usually, the entire litter is born healthy and begins nursing vigorously. Within a few days, one or two in the litter will become weak, slowly losing the strength to nurse. Crying constantly, they may be pushed aside by the dam. Eventually, they have difficulty breathing and may become dehydrated when it becomes difficult even to swallow.

Possible factors are: hypothermia or hyperthermia (body temperature too cold or too hot), a neglectful dam, toxins in the environment (bleach, ammonia, chemical fumes, etc.), genetic abnormality (e.g. heart, mouth, anus, etc), low birth weight, bacterial infection, viral infection or intestinal parasites.

For more info on noticing Fading Syndrome early, and taking precautions to avoid it, please read this excellent article from the Nov 2005 issue of Veterinary Medicine [Vets on early identification](#)

Or read more about the conditions that may be the *root causes* of Fading Puppy Syndrome in this great article from ShowDogSupersite [Root causes](#)

One breeder in Britain has a story to tell about using plasma transfusion, saving most of a litter of Dogue de Bordeaux. [Saving litter with plasma transfusion](#)

And finally, consider using this [Homeopathic Formula](#) for Fading Puppy Syndrome from Natural Rearing. Quite a few breeders on the internet say they treat every puppy in every litter with these drops and have had great results.

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