

HOLD ON TO THAT PUP.

It is amazing to see how people differ when holding a pup. I always ask people or suggest people actually hold onto the pup. Don't have your hand out straight and the pup lie or sit on it as that is an accident looking to happen.

A real tiny pup will only make that leap once and that could result in serious injury to the pup, if not death.

Everyone has the attitude - do you think I do not know how to handle a pup??? Well possibly NOT.

I have watched people sit down and leave the tiniest scrap on their lap without a hand holding the pup, ensuring its safety.

Yesterday we paid a visit to a family that have two of our dogs. The youngest must be about 8 months old. The chap mentioned the dog had an occasional limp with the one leg. I felt the leg and the dog in deed had pain in that leg. I suggested he have it checked out by his vet. My vet checks all knee joints prior to the pups leaving us. I thought of a knee problem possibly but then on further discussion, he remembered, having guests around and him telling the child to leave the dog alone, and then the mother of the child commented it was fine. Not long thereafter the child dropped the dog on the tiles. MORE than likely why the dog has a problem leg now.

One can just never be too careful. I had an Attorney once come to view a pup, his wife handed it to him and within a few minutes he had dropped the dog from his standing position onto the floor, fortunately it was not a tiny.

My cousin once was not pleased with me when she was sitting with one of my real tinies on her knee that I asked her to please hold onto.

I remember another instance when my vet's wife mentioned to a client who had one of my yorkies in a basket she was carrying, to please hold onto the pup. She said the pup was used to being carried like that and would not jump. She had had him back for a follow up inoculation. She was no sooner out the door and back in, the pup had jumped and in so doing, broken all his toes on the one foot.

Years back I also had a case of someone, a secretary, she was babysitting the bosses Yorkie, she called me saying my pup they had was epileptic. Well in many,

many years I have never produced a dog that suffers with epilepsy. The "Secretary" came across as rather rude about this so called epilepsy. She did not realise another staff member saw the dog fall off of her lap onto the floor and subsequently fit.

Honesty is always the best policy. If you fabricate a story regarding what happened to your pup/dog and tell your vet or the breeder a totally different version that makes you look a lot better, YOUR pup or dog is not going to be treated correctly or diagnosed correctly. In certain cases this can waste precious time in getting to the bottom of the problem with your pup or dog, wasting precious time could be fatal to your pet.

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