**Owner Fact Sheet: Insulinoma In The Dog**

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**WHAT IS IT?**
A cancer of the pancreas

**WHAT SIGNS COULD MY PET HAVE?**
- Seizures
- Weakness
- Collapse

**WHAT CAUSES THESE SIGNS?**
Reduced levels of glucose in the blood caused by the tumor

**BLOODWORK**
Is essential in diagnosing this disease, some will need to be sent to lab.

**DIAGNOSIS**
Your vet will detect low glucose levels in the blood which are reversed when glucose is given to your dog

**WHAT OTHER TESTS COULD BE DONE?**
- Ultrasound or exploratory surgery
- Gold standard: CT-scan
- Histopathology for a definitive diagnosis

**PROGNOSIS**
1-2 years after surgery

**THERAPY**
Surgery is considered the treatment of choice

Non-surgical alternatives exist but they are less successful and more experimental. Ask your vet about these options

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