

# Canine Epilepsy

Knotty Toys For Good Dogs

CEO OLIVIA'S QUICK SNIFF EBOOK SERIES

# Stages of a Seizure

My huMom & I both believe it is important to share what we have learned about canine epilepsy over the years. It is our hope that these ebooks can be of help & offer some guidance. Please understand what has worked for me might not work for your good dog. My huMom & I are in no way experts on canine epilepsy & these ebooks should not be considered a substitute for proper veterinary care.

Sharing is Caring,  
CEO Olivia



**Hello, my name is Olivia  
&  
I live with  
Canine Idiopathic Epilepsy.  
With the help of my huMom  
I am writing a series of  
Ebooks  
intended to help those who  
live with  
canine epilepsy.**



# STAGE 1 ●

of a

## SEIZURE

The Prodrome / Preictal

These can last seconds or go on for days.

Characterized by a change in mood or behavior.

In my case I can be hyper active, overly playful, unfocused, clumsy & show puppy like behavior.

# STAGE 2 ● of a SEIZURE

**The Aura / Preictal**

Signs may include:

Restlessness

Nervousness

Whining / Trembling

Salivating

Excessive affection

Dashing about / pacing

Hiding



# STAGE 3 ● of a SEIZURE The Ictal / Seizure

The ictal stage is the seizure itself & last from a few seconds up to 5 minutes. If longer, seek medical attention immediately. During a seizure the dog may or may not lose consciousness depending the type of seizure.

STAGE 4 ●  
of a  
SEIZURE  
The Postictal

This stage can last several minutes to several days. Some dogs become lethargic while others will pace frantically. I appear unsteady & disoriented.



Often after a grand mal I am blind for several minutes. My huMom makes sure I have a safe pathway to pace without bumping into furniture or walls. Recovery time varies & it can take weeks before a good dog feels like themselves again.



# SEIZURE

PARTIAL

SIMPLE PARTIAL

COMPLEX PARTIAL

GENERALIZED

ABSENCE

TONIC

CLONIC

TONIC- CLONIC

# SEIZURE TERMS

**SIMPLE PARTIAL** - localized to one area on one side of the brain-may spread.

**COMPLEX PARTIAL** - starts focally within the brain & causes impairment of consciousness.

**ABSENSE** - aka petit mal begin & end abruptly, lasting a few seconds.

# SEIZURE TERMS

## CONTINUED

TONIC - increase in muscle contraction (stiffening) lasting from seconds to minutes.

CLONIC - involuntary rapid & rhythmic contractions of muscles (jerking).

TONIC-CLONIC - a sequence of tonic phase followed by clonic phase.





HOPE

COURAGE  
Strength

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