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He has an overproduction of bacteria in his gut that we are treating with the vet's direction. We give him SYNACORE for digestive support and Tylan to remove the unwanted bacteria overgrowth. He is active, gaining weight, and is otherwise healthy, but he poops a lot. The vet believes he will probably outgrow it.

(Answer)

I'm sorry to hear he's having some tummy trouble, but it's not unusual for puppies to pick up all kinds of "bugs," particularly dogs that are outside running free eating every bit of dead stuff and every deer turd they find. I'm sure he'll grow out of much of it. But you should be prepared for many unplanned trips to the vet over his lifetime. I can't tell you how many times we've had the dogs in for stitches and boosters after a tussle with a raccoon or other furry creature.

This reminds me... Until he learns how to navigate barbed wire, he'll get a few cuts from it. It's actually important he learn about barbed wire early on, because hunting dogs inevitably will be hunting in fields that have it. If they haven't learned this lesson while they are young, they'll run head on into it at full speed. So, don't try to keep him away from it. Let him get nicked a few times at this age and you won't have big problems with it later on.