CASE 6

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This male 4 month old Afghan dog was one of a litter of 8 (5 males, 3 females). Four animals (3 males, 1 female) of this litter presented a similar clinicopathologic syndrome. Acute onset of posterior paresis followed by paraplegia and ascending cord signs. In all cases the animals were destroyed because of prostration, decubital sores and incontinence. Rather complete blood and cerebrospinal fluid studies revealed only a slight anemia and hypoproteinemia. Pertinent pathology was restricted to the spinal cord. The dam and sire were rebred the following year. A litter of 7 resulted. To date, one 41/2 month old male has been necropsied with similar clinicopathologic findings.