

Canine Parvovirus

KNOW THE SIGNS

Canine Parvovirus (commonly known as Parvo) is a highly contagious virus that affects dogs' gastrointestinal tracts. The virus can affect all dogs, but unvaccinated dogs and puppies younger than four months are the most at risk.

HOW IT'S SPREAD

Coming into contact with:

- Other dogs
- Environments
- People
- Faeces

SYMPTOMS

- Smelly bloody diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Fever
- Lethargic
- Rapid weight loss



Most deaths from parvovirus occur within 48 to 72 hours following the onset of clinical signs

PREVENTION

- Vaccinating your dog is the best way to help prevent canine parvovirus infection.
- Puppies should not socialise with other dogs until they have completed their entire vaccination course.
- Avoid public places where dogs are exercised.



Protect your Puppy:

- Make sure they receive ALL 3 rounds of vaccinations on time.
- KEEP FOUR OFF THE FLOOR:
 - ◆ Parvo is mainly spread through the pads of their feet as this virus lives on the ground, in the dirt, grass, etc.
 - ◆ Parks, sidewalks, pet stores, etc. are dangerous places.
 - ◆ Feces left behind by unvaccinated dogs is the singular route of transmission, leaving this virus in our environment.
 - ◆ Locations visited by unknown dogs are the most dangerous, as they may be carrying the Puppy Parvo virus without having any symptoms themselves.
- Carry, push or pack your puppy during your many socialization adventures.
- **No walking in public until they receive their final round of puppy shots at 4 months old.**
- Seek veterinary care IMMEDIATELY if you suspect your puppy could be ill.
 - ◆ Showing 2 or more symptoms above at the same time is definitely cause for concern.