

FAQ on PARVO

WHAT IS PARVO?

Parvo is a virus that attacks the intestinal lining of dogs and basically shreds it, causing bloody diarrhea, with a distinctly foul odor. It also causes severe vomiting.

HOW DOES A DOG GET PARVO?

The Parvo virus is shed in the stools and vomit of a sick animal, and it is a very hardy virus; it can remain intact in the environment for months. Any unvaccinated dog sniffing around an area where the virus is will get sick.

CAN CATS/PEOPLE GET PARVO?

No! Cats and people cannot get it!

HOW IS PARVO TREATED?

Only the symptoms can be treated, with supportive care. Parvo can be prevented by early vaccination. Treatment of Parvo consists of IV fluids (to try to prevent dehydration if possible) and antibiotics for any secondary infections that may occur with the disease.

CAN YOU GET RID OF PARVO ONCE DIAGNOSED WITH IT?

There is no cure for Parvo; nature will take its course. If diagnosed early enough, survival chances are better, but the majority of dogs die, usually from dehydration and protein loss (from the vomiting and diarrhea).

IS THERE A TEST FOR PARVO?

To test for Parvo, a fecal swab is sent to an outside lab; we do not do in house testing.