



Facts and Information

About Parvo Virus Infection

- 1) Parvo is a potentially deadly intestinal viral infection of poorly or incompletely vaccinated dogs.
- 2) Parvo is very common in Central Indiana as well as many areas throughout the country and around the world.
- 3) Parvo is acquired by dogs coming in contact with areas where the virus exists (ie: all over our city in any area at any time). Once the virus enters your pet's body, it multiplies in the bone marrow, intestinal tract, and immune system. As the virus matures it can cause life-threatening damage to your pets' immune system and intestinal tract.
- 4) Parvo symptoms usually occur within 3-5 days of exposure to the virus.
- 5) Parvo symptoms can include vomiting, diarrhea, lack of appetite, lethargy or listlessness, fever, abdominal distention or discomfort, and dehydration. Many other diseases cause these symptoms as well therefore specific tests are required to prove it is or isn't Parvo.
- 6) In hospital treatment includes but is not limited to, Intravenous fluid therapy, correction of electrolyte levels, intravenous glucose, antibiotics, anti-nausea medication, and attentive nursing care.
- 7) Parvo virus can kill infected dogs. Aggressive treatment is necessary for survival.
- 8) Parvo is diagnosed all year long in dogs but spring and fall seem to be the times when the virus is most active.
- 9) **Only high quality, prescription, veterinarian administered vaccinations given at the proper dosage and repeated intervals are recommended for protection against the disease.**
- 10) As a rule, pet owners should not allow poorly or incompletely vaccinated dogs to have contact with unfamiliar premises or areas known to be frequented by dogs.
- 11) Proper vaccination must begin at adoption and be continued on a schedule until the attending veterinarian is satisfied the protection is complete. Vaccinations begin at 6 weeks and continue with boosters until about 16 weeks of age. After that, annual boosters maintain immunity.

Protect your dog from Parvo Virus Infection as soon as possible!!!