



Keeping your dog safe from

PARVOVIRUS

What is Parvo?

Parvovirus (better known as parvo) is a serious and often fatal virus that attacks the lining of the digestive system.

How does it spread?

Parvo is highly contagious and can stay on surfaces and in environments for long periods of time. Dogs can contract the virus by interacting with infected dogs, or by coming into contact with contaminated faeces.

Prevention

Vaccines against canine parvovirus are highly effective, young puppies and dogs that have never been vaccinated are at high risk to the virus.

All puppies from eight weeks of age should be vaccinated against parvovirus and other canine diseases. Follow up vaccinations are required.

If your pet is unvaccinated, do not take it to places where interaction with other dogs is likely.

Parvovirus is specific to dogs and is not transmitted to humans.

Symptoms

- High fever
- Very smelly, runny poo
- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite
- Not themselves, especially as a puppy
- Vomiting

Treatment

Once your dog has started to display symptoms of Parvovirus veterinary attention should be sought immediately.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL VET FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Sanford Veterinary Clinic 9921 1797

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