



Transport Team - Volunteer Expectations

Thank you for your interest in joining the Pearland Parvo Recovery Center (PPRC) Transport Team! One of PPRC's key objectives is to reduce the spread of Parvo in the community by getting Parvo-positive or exposed dogs out of the shelters and into our quarantined treatment facility. The Transport Team plays a critical role in this process by picking up sick dogs from local shelters, rescues and animal hospitals, bringing them to our facility then returning them once the dogs are fully recovered and no longer contagious.

Requirements:

- Valid Texas Driver's License
- Proof of insurance
- Valid inspection sticker and license plate
- Completion of Parvo Team training
- **The Transport Team will be required to volunteer once a week for 4 hours.**
- Recommended: Parvo is highly contagious. Please make sure that your personal dogs are current on their vaccines and boosters

Responsibilities

Safe transportation of Parvo-positive or exposed dogs:

- from shelters, rescue groups, or animal hospitals to the PPRC facility;
- from PPRC to a recovery home;
- from a recovery home back to the rescue group.

Expectations:

- **Safety, safety, safety!** Keep yourself and the animal in your care safe. Know correct holding techniques for loading, unloading and transporting dogs, especially squirmy, frightened or excited dogs.
- **Obey all traffic laws** -- especially those concerning the use of cellphones while driving. An accident could result in injuries to both you and the animal.
- **Be reliable.** Be available during to the shifts you have committed to. Delays in getting sick dogs to treatment can mean the difference between life and death.
- **Follow the Transportation Protocols** to prevent the spread of Parvo by being mindful of cross-contamination. Disinfectant is your best friend.
- If you do have to enter the PPRC facility, remember to **abide by all procedures for preventing the spread of diseases**, including washing hands, applying disinfectant, etc.
- Treat all dogs **with love, compassion, and respect.**
- **Be honest.** We all make the occasional mistake.
- **Be willing to learn.** If you're unsure about anything or simply don't know, just ask someone! Feel free to text/call any Parvo volunteers, ask the vet techs or a doctor.

Supplies

Transporters will need the following supplies when transporting dogs. PPRC can provide them upon request.

- Crates
- Blankets or drop cloths to protect your car (dogs, especially puppies, may suffer from vomiting and/or diarrhea)
- Leashes
- Towels (for cleaning up “accidents”)
- Disinfectant (such as Rescue brand)
- Hand sanitizer