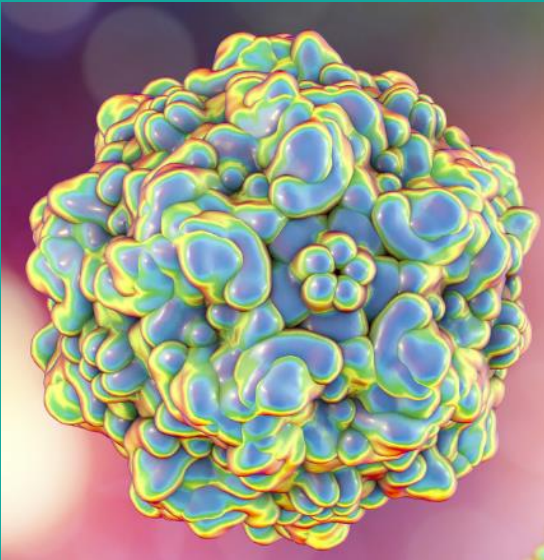


When Parvo Strikes:



*How to Recognize, Prevent, Manage and Recover
from Canine Parvovirus Outbreaks*

**Pearland Parvo Recovery Center
Daran Bishop
Jeanette Savage
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Caring Hands Humane Society back open after parvovirus outbreak

Posted: Oct 08, 2019 9:52 PM CDT

Animal rescue groups in NWLA battle parvo outbreak

Jamie Ostroff Jun 6, 2019

Vet hospital warns of Parvo virus outbreak

April 27, 2019 Richmond County Daily Journal News, Top Stories

Spike in parvo virus cases across Las Vegas Valley

Alexandra de Leon
Posted Nov 6, 2019 | 0

AWLA Kennels Closed Due to Dog Disease Outbreak

ARLnow.com November 8, 2019 at 2:15pm

Parvo outbreak forces Humane Society of Houston County to temporarily close

At least six dogs have been infected with the virus, and several have already died.

Humane Society of Henderson Co. closed due to parvo outbreak

Parvovirus detected in local dogs; Mikey's Chance saying it's their worst season yet

Kaitlyn Karmout Aug 26, 2019

Deadly virus impacting thousands of dogs, Indianapolis animal shelters, clinics say

Posted: 6:36 PM, May 27, 2019 Updated: 5:36 PM, May 27, 2019

What is Parvo?

- Highly **contagious** viral disease
- Relatively new – first appeared in dogs in 1978
- First vaccine developed in 1981
- Extremely **resilient**
- Affects **gastrointestinal** and **immune systems**
- **No cure**
- Treatment is **supportive** (i.e., treat the symptoms)
- **Parvo ‘season’ = puppy season**

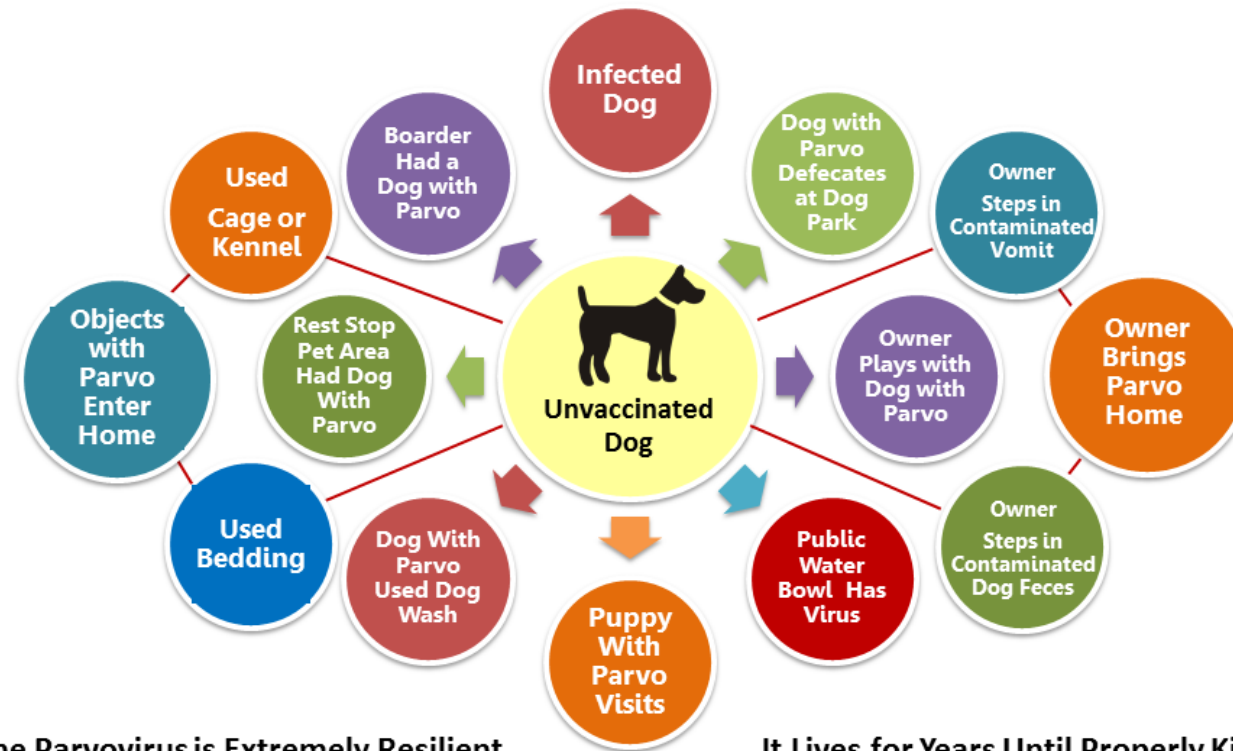


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How Parvo Spreads

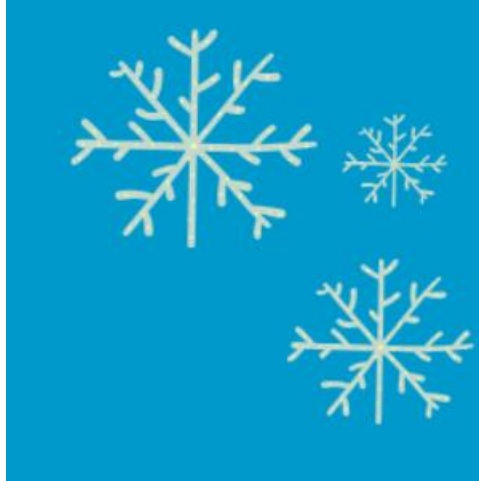
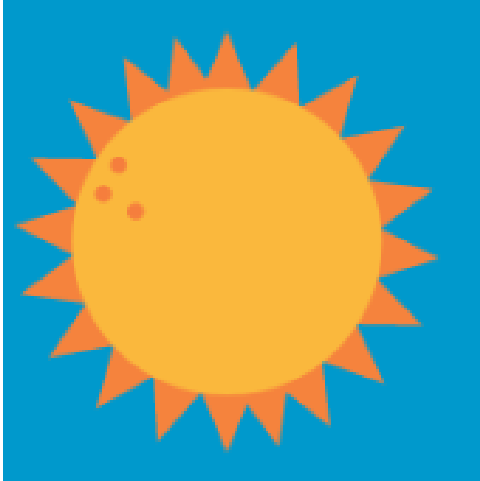
Dog's can catch Parvo **whenever they come into direct contact with the virus, not just the infected dog**



The Parvovirus is Extremely Resilient

It Lives for Years Until Properly Killed

Parvo is Highly Resistant



Resistant to:

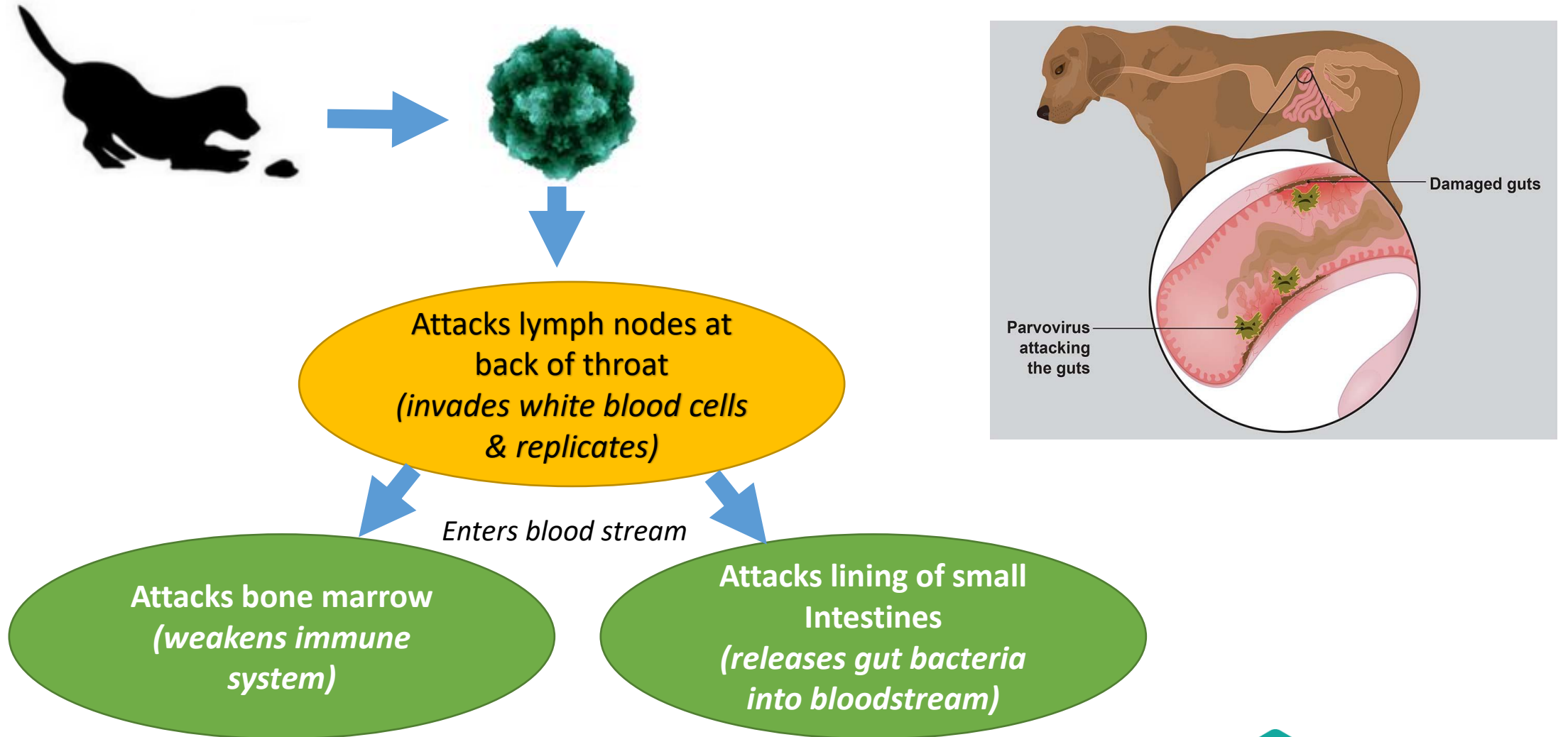
- Heat
- Sunlight
- Cold / Snow
- Humidity / Dryness
- Water
- Some Household Cleaners
 - ⊘ Vinegar
 - ⊘ Lysol
 - ⊘ Spic and Span
 - ⊘ Chlorox Wipes / Lysol Wipes



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Stages of Parvo



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Symptoms of Parvo

Symptoms:

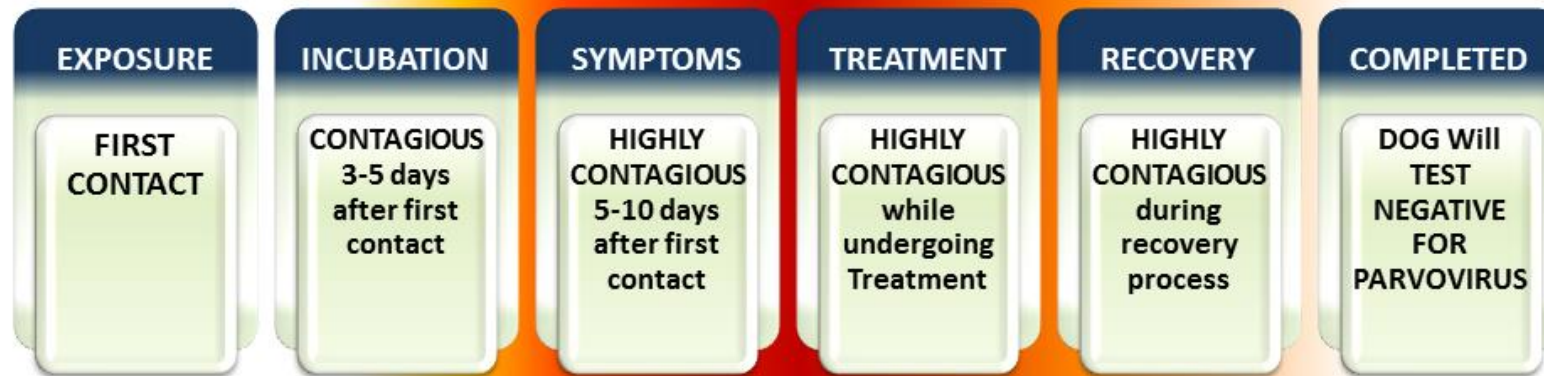
- Diarrhea, often bloody
- Vomiting
- Lack of appetite
- Lethargy
- Anemia
- Fever
- 'Parvo smell'

Causes of death:

- Dehydration
- Sepsis
- Shock
- In severe cases:
 - hypoglycemia (low blood sugar)
 - hypoproteinemia (low levels of protein in blood)



Parvo Timeline

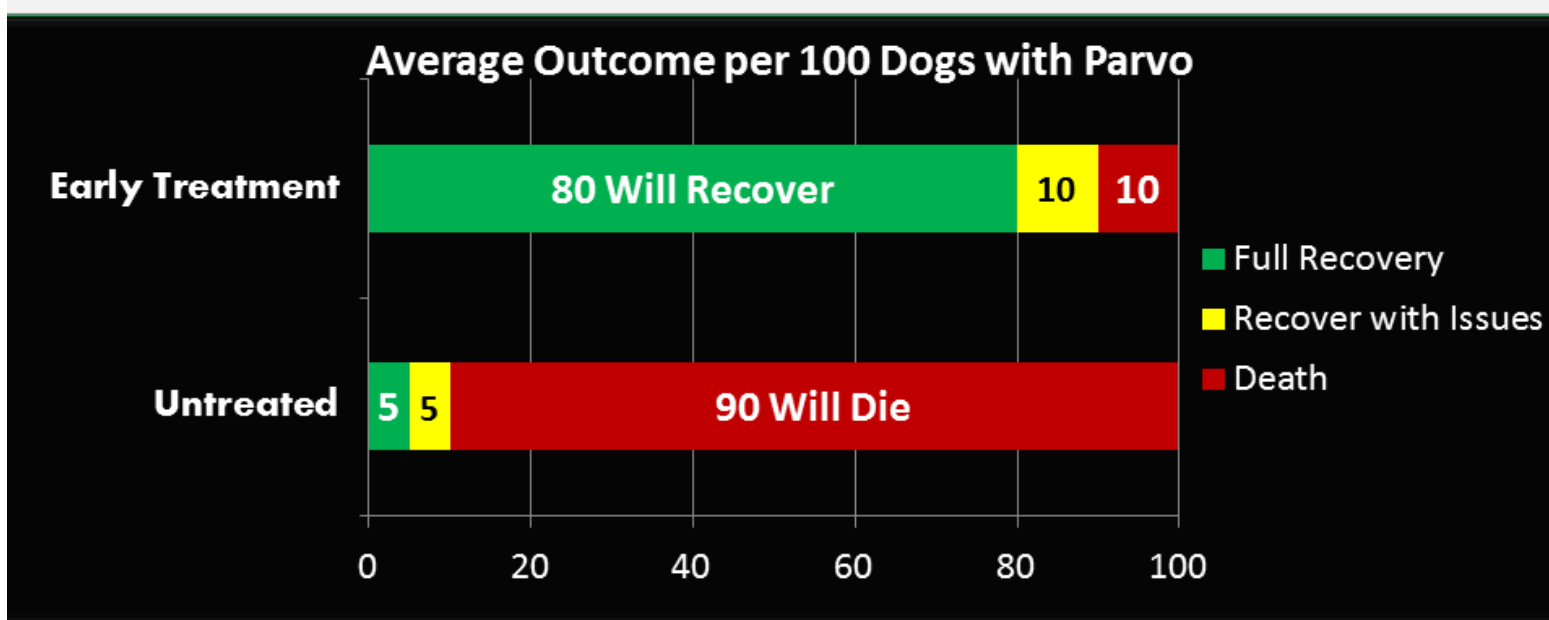


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QUARANTINE ASAP and Until Test is Negative

Incubation Typically 3-5 days after exposure
Range is 2-14 days
Death 4-72 hours
Contagious Within 3 days of exposure
For 14 days after recovery

Parvo Survival Rate: Treated vs. Untreated



Dogs Have a Great Chance of Surviving Parvo When Symptoms are Treated



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Who is at risk for parvo?

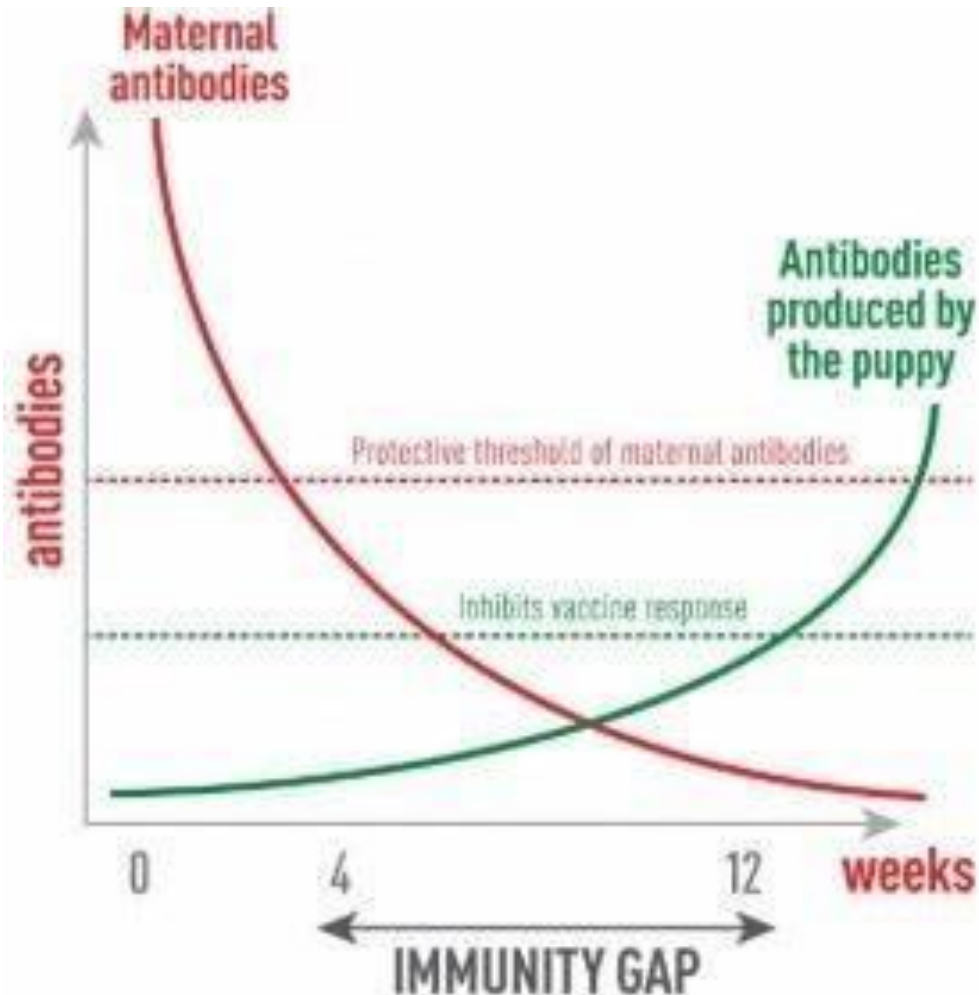
- Any unvaccinated dog of **any** age
- Any vaccinated dog with **impaired immunity**
- Puppies **6 weeks – 6 months** are most susceptible
- Increased risk for '**black and tan**' breeds
(Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Pit Bulls, German Shepherd, etc.)



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Puppies – The Immunity Gap



Implications:

- Vaccinate **pregnant** dogs
- **Boarding** can increase risk
- Greatest risk to puppies is between **4-12 weeks**
- Important to know **vaccine history** of any dog that presents with Parvo
- **When in doubt, assume no immunity and vaccinate**



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Puppy Vaccine Schedule

- DHPP, DAPP, DA2PP, and DAPPC all cover parvo
- Start at **6-8 weeks**
- Vaccines given while nursing may be less effective due to maternal antibody interference.
- Re-vaccinate every **two weeks** for a total of **three vaccinations**
- 2-3 weeks are required for a puppy to mount a sufficient immune response to a vaccination



Detecting Parvo

- **Fecal test**
 - *Detects parvo antigens in feces*
 - *IDEXX SNAP Parvo Test ~80% accurate*
- **False negatives?**
If test given during incubation period (prior to symptoms)
- **False positives?**
 - *Depends on who you ask...*
 - *If vaccines given recently*
- ***IF TEST IS POSITIVE, ASSUME IT'S PARVO!***



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Treating Parvo – Mild to Moderate Symptoms

When: no bloody diarrhea, not lethargic

Use:	To:
Subcutaneous fluids	Prevent dehydration
Antibiotics	Prevent secondary infections
Anti-nausea medications	Stimulate appetite & prevent dehydration
Anti-diarrheal medications	Prevent dehydration
Injectable vitamins (B&C)	Boost immune system
Force feed <i>High calorie, easily digestible food</i>	Provide nutrition



Remember – Treatment for parvo is supportive care



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Treating Parvo – Severe Symptoms

When: bloody diarrhea, lethargic, severe dehydration

Use:	To:
Potassium & dextrose (via IV fluids)	Maintain blood sugar and electrolyte balance as well as prevent dehydration
Subcutaneous fluids	Prevent dehydration
Antibiotics	Prevent secondary infections
Anti-nausea medications	Stimulate appetite & prevent dehydration
Anti-diarrheal medications	Prevent dehydration
Injectable vitamins (B&C)	Boost immune system
Force feed (if possible) <i>High calorie, easily digestible food</i>	Provide nutrition



Parvo Recovery (Quarantine!!)

- Begins when **eating resumes** and **solid poop** begins to form
- Ends with **negative fecal test**
- Dogs continue to shed parvo for **at least 10-14 days** after recovery
- Due to **compromised immune system**, recovery dogs are susceptible to many secondary infections: skin conditions, giardia, coccidia, etc.
- Recovering dogs need:
 - **high quality nutrition**
 - **rest**
 - **careful observation**
- Continue (or begin) **vaccines** and **deworming**
- Last step of recovery, **thoroughly bathe the dog**



In Home Parvo Recovery Requirements

See <https://canineparvovirus.org/canine-parvovirus-isolation/>

- Other dogs/pets **MUST BE VACCINATED**
- Isolated space (spare bedroom or bathroom or partitioned area)
- Warm, quiet, comfortable
- PPE (i.e., gloves, old shoes or shoe covers, old clothes)
- Parvicide cleaner to disinfect
- Designated spot in yard for elimination



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Disinfecting after Parvo

- Products must specify that they “KILL” parvo
 - Chlorine Bleach - ½ cup per gallon (1:32 dilution)
 - Rescue (formerly Accel)
 - Sniper
 - F10
 - Trifectant
 - Virkon
 - Performacide
 - Steam Cleaning
- Disinfect **daily** during home treatment of parvo
- Disinfect everything **at least 3 times** after recovery
- Product comparison

<https://canineparvovirus.org/what-kills-parvo-besides-bleach/>



*Most household cleaners
won't kill parvo*



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How Long Does Parvo Remain in the Environment?

Indoor Environments: 30-90 days

Outdoor environments: 6 months to one year

If your home has been compromised:

- Limit canine visitors - **fully vaccinated dogs only**
- Limit canine fosters - **fully vaccinated dogs only**
- No young puppies
- **Alternative:** foster recovering parvo puppies



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Parvo Prevention – The Three “Ates”

Parvo can be PREVENTED

VACCINATE!

Parvo can be SPREAD

ISOLATE!

Parvo can SURVIVE

DECONTAMINATE!

Parvo Resources

- For a list of additional resources on parvo:
<https://parvorecoverycenter.org/resources/>
- For a copy of this presentation, email:
info@parvorecoverycenter.org



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