

PARVOVIRUS

WHAT IS PARVO?

- Parvo is a virus that make dogs very sick.
- It lives in their guts and is spread by their poo and vomit.
- Parvo is HIGHLY contagious.
- Puppies are at highest risk, but any unvaccinated dog can catch it.
- If you are unsure if your dog is up to date with vaccines, speak to your vet.

Parvo is 100% preventable with a vaccination from your vet **before** dogs get sick.

- Only vaccinations **from a vet** will stop parvo with **one dose**.
- Vaccines from other sources take **multiple doses** to protect your dog.

GET YOUR DOG VACCINATED TODAY!

HOW DO DOGS GET PARVO?

- Dogs get Parvo through contact with an infected dog or its poo.
- They can also get it by sniffing, licking or eating off the ground where Parvo has been.
- The virus stays on the ground for a very long time - even after the poo is gone (sometimes years).



SIGNS OF PARVO

- Weak and tired.
- Stop eating and/or drinking.
- Bloody diarrhoea.
- Vomit (sometimes with blood in it).



IF PARVO IS DETECTED IN YOUR AREA

- Get your dog vaccinated by a vet.
- **REMEMBER** – it takes two weeks for a dog to be protected after vaccination, so:
 - Avoid public spaces, especially parks and grassy areas.
 - Avoid contact with other dogs (especially if either dog is not vaccinated).
 - Toilet and walk your dog on pavement whenever possible.



CLEANING UP AFTER A SICK DOG

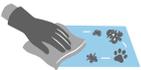
Parvo is hard to kill, but bleach works!



Mix 1 cup of bleach with 1 bucket of water.



Throw out used blankets, towels, toys and bowls.



Clean surfaces where your sick dog has been.*



Wear gloves and wash your hands well after you clean.

*Do a spot check first to ensure your property doesn't get damaged.



Parvo can make dogs so sick that they die very quickly.
If you think your dog is sick:

SEEK VETERINARY TREATMENT ASAP!