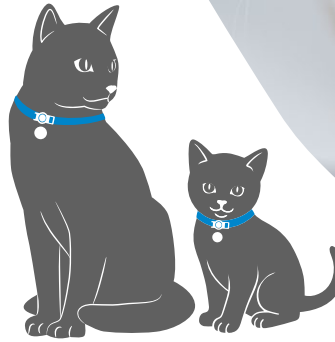


PROTECT YOUR CAT FROM PANLEUKOPENIA (CAT PARVO VIRUS)



Panleukopenia (or Cat Parvo) is a very serious and contagious disease in cats.

- It spreads very easily.
- It can kill cats and kittens, especially if they are not vaccinated (up to 9 out of 10 infected kittens will die).
- It is preventable with vaccination!



QUICK FACTS

- Only cats are affected – it spreads quickly to other cats.
- Dogs and humans can't catch this virus from cats.

SIGNS YOUR CAT MAY BE SICK



Very tired (low energy)



Fever



Diarrhoea
(sometimes bloody)



Not eating



Vomiting



THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. CALL A VET STRAIGHT AWAY.

HOW IT SPREADS

Cats/kittens can catch it from accidentally coming into contact with a sick cat's:



Poo (most common)



Vomit, saliva, or urine



Dirty surfaces (floors, bedding, bowls, clothes)



Important:

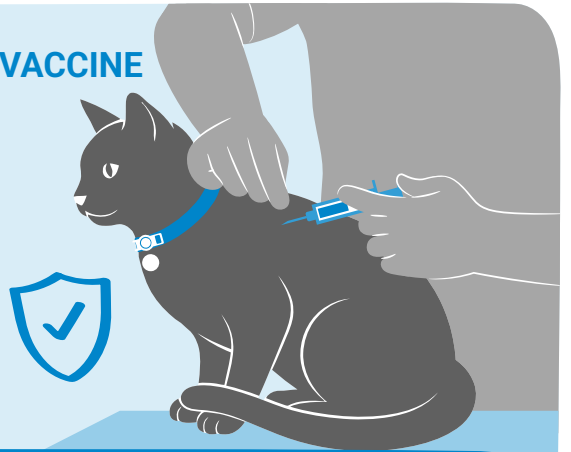
- The virus can live in the environment for a long time (such as on the ground or grass, in the garden, on beds, bowls and toys).
- It is hard to kill – special disinfectant is needed.
- Cats can spread it before they look sick.



HOW TO KEEP YOUR CAT SAFE FROM CAT PARVO

1 VACCINATE YOUR CAT WITH A MODIFIED-LIVE F3 VACCINE

- Vaccine from your vet can help stop Cat Parvo.
- It takes 7-14 days for a vaccine to provide protection.
- Kittens and cats that have not been vaccinated before need two vaccines a month apart. One of these vaccines should be given after 16 weeks of age.
- Cats need regular boosters. Talk to your vet about how often this should be for your cat.

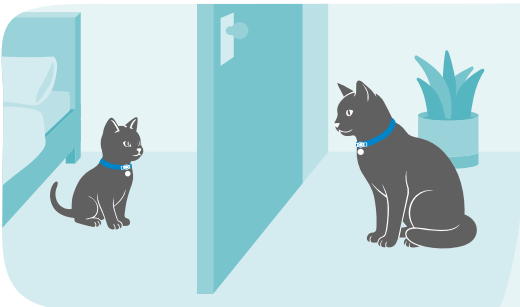


Vaccination



Protection

- Vaccinated cats are very unlikely to get sick.
- Unvaccinated kittens are at very high risk of dying.



2

KEEP NEW CATS OR KITTENS SEPARATE AT FIRST

- New cats and kittens can carry diseases you don't know they have, like Cat Parvo.
- Keeping new cats and kittens separate from your existing pets for 2 weeks helps keep everyone safe.

3

KEEP EVERYTHING CLEAN

- Try not to share resources between cats:
 - Use paper plates and bowls that can be thrown away until you are sure everyone is healthy.
- Wash your hands with soap and change clothes after handling unknown cats.
- Handle vaccinated cats and kittens first before caring for unvaccinated cats and kittens.



CAN CAT PARVO BE TREATED?

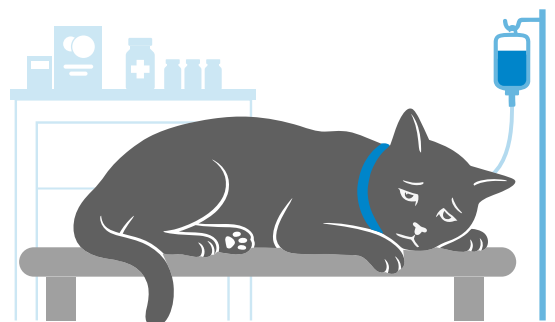
Yes, but:

- It can be hard and expensive.
- Some cats do not survive.

Prevention through **vaccination** is much cheaper and easier than treatment when your cat gets sick.

NEED HELP?

Talk to your local vet or an RSPCA NSW Veterinary Hospital.



**Vaccinate your cat.
Save their life.**