



Keeping your dog safe from **PARVOVIRUS**

What is Parvo?

Parvo is a virus that attacks the lining of the digestive system. Parvovirus in the environment is worse following rainfall.

How does my dog get infected with Parvovirus?

Parvovirus is transmitted by coming into contact with infected dog poo. Humans can also transmit Parvovirus by walking through areas and treading it into a home/yard via feet/footwear.

Prevention

Vaccines against canine parvovirus are highly effective, young puppies and dogs that have never been vaccinated are at high risk to the virus. Parvovirus is fatal in around 80% of cases.

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.

FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL VET

Chapman Animal Hospital **9964 2828**

Midwest Veterinary Centre **9964 3671**

Sanford Veterinary Clinic **9921 1797**

