WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CANINE PARVOVIRUS

Canine Parvovirus (commonly known as Parvo) is a highly contagious virus that affects dogs' gastrointestinal tracts. The virus can affect all dogs, but unvaccinated dogs and puppies younger than four months are at the highest risk

PREVENTION

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Young puppies should be vaccinated at 6, 9, and 12 weeks. Puppies should not socialize with dogs or visit areas frequented by dogs with unknown vaccination histories until fully vaccinated.



HOW IT SPREADS

Coming in contact with dogs, environments, people, and feces that are infected or have been exposed to the disease.



SYMPTOMS

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Bloody diarrhea, loss of energy, loss of appetite, fever, vomiting, and severe weight loss.



TREATMENT

Most deaths from parvovirus occur within 48 to 72 hours following the onset of symptoms. Parvovirus does not have a cure. Treatment consists of immediate supportive care under the advice of a veterinarian or hospitalization. Even with treatment, which can be very expensive, survival is not gauranteed.

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