

PARVOVIRUS

What is Parvovirus?

Canine Parvo is a highly contagious virus that attacks the gastrointestinal tract and can cause symptoms of bloody diarrhea, vomiting, fever, lethargy, loss of appetite, and can quickly become fatal. It can resemble other diseases including distemper, bacterial infections, foreign body, Giardia etc. Parvo is extremely contagious to other dogs and can be spread by direct dog-to-dog contact and contact with contaminated stool, environments, or people. This virus can be preventable with routine vaccinations, but is not treated by them. With hospitalization the chances of survival is high, but with no treatment the chance of death is likely. Hospitalized Treatment generally takes 3 days, but can take up to 2 weeks to fully resolve. Even with treatment the animal may not survive this viral infection, however hospitalized care for canine parvovirus greatly increases survival chances.

Treatment Options:

OUT PATIENT TREATMENT

Estimated cost: \$650 - \$800

Price includes –Initial exam, Parvo test, fluids given under the skin, anti-nausea medication, injectable and oral antibiotics, anti-diarrheal medication, and nutritional supplements.

***If improvement is not seen within 2 days hospitalization or euthanasia are the appropriate next steps*

THREE DAY HOSPITALIZATION

Estimated cost: \$3600-\$4400

Price includes –Initial exam, Parvo test, placement of an IV catheter, IV fluids, blood profile, anti-nausea medication, injectable and oral antibiotics, anti-diarrheal medication, medication to improve the intestinal function, re-examined by a doctor twice daily, 24 hour care, and nutritional supplements.

FOUR DAY HOSPITALIZATION WITH PLASMA ADMINISTRATION

Estimated cost: \$4800-\$6000

Price includes –Initial exam, parvo test, placement of an IV catheter, IV fluids, plasma administration, two blood profiles, anti-nausea medication, injectable and oral antibiotics, anti-diarrheal medication, medication to improve the intestinal function, re-examined by a doctor twice daily, 24 hour care and nutritional supplements.

Each additional day is approximately \$700-1000 per day.

EUTHANASIA

Estimated cost: \$194 - \$404

Considered the appropriate choice if not responding to treatment, or if unable to provide care.