

## **Parvo**

Parvo is a viral disease of dogs that causes severe diarrhea, usually bloody, vomiting, loss of appetite, depression, fever, and is often fatal if untreated.

Parvo is spread through both direct transmission when an infected dog comes in contact with a healthy dog, especially via stool; or through indirect/fomite transmission as the viral particles can be easily spread on shoes, clothing or other inanimate objects. The virus is very hardy, able to survive extremes of temperature (i.e., freezing or extreme heat) and is unharmed by detergents, alcohols, and common disinfectants.

It is most commonly seen in young, unvaccinated or partially-vaccinated puppies, but can be seen in unvaccinated adult dogs as well.

If your pet is having severe diarrhea (with or without blood) or vomiting, or has stopped eating for more than a day, please have your pet evaluated.