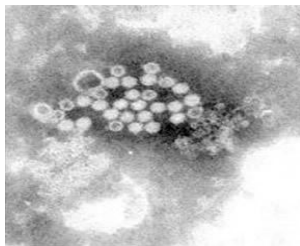


Canine Parvovirus

Parvo is a highly contagious virus that attacks that lining of the small intestines and the immune system, leading to a life threatening illness. Puppies are usually the most severely affected, but dogs of all ages are susceptible. Rottweilers, Pit Bulls, Doberman Pinschers, English Springer Spaniels, and Labrador Retrievers seem to be more susceptible, but Parvo is contagious to all breeds.



Parvo is transmitted through infected feces. Even microscopic samples can be contagious. It is most commonly found in breeding facilities, animal shelters, pet emporiums, or wherever there are a large number of dogs in contact with each other. Once an area is contaminated, the ground can remain infected for several months or longer if the conditions are right.

Clinical signs of Parvo include:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea with or without blood
- Depression / lethargy
- Not eating
- Weight loss
- Painful abdomen