



Canine Parvovirus

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Canine Parvovirus is a fast acting and deadly virus. If you catch it early enough, and with assistance from a full-service veterinary clinic, the disease can be treated; however, it can cost anywhere from \$200 to \$1,500 or more to save your puppy. Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious viral disease that an unvaccinated young puppy, and sometimes an older dog, can be exposed to and have difficulty fighting off without extreme veterinary assistance. Symptoms include sudden sickness, vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, and lack of appetite.

Is it preventable?

Yes! If your puppy is vaccinated at least three times between the ages of 8 weeks and 6 months against the disease, their chances of fighting off the disease are incredibly higher. If your dog continues to receive an annual vaccination against parvo each year after it's first birthday, it will be less likely to succumb to the disease in their senior years. Vaccination is effective and far less expensive than treatment costs, so it is worth the consideration.



MCHA offers this vaccine.

Check out details at www.monroehumane.org/minor-medical-clinics

Is it treatable?

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Is it fatal?

Yes; without early diagnosis and treatment, the disease is almost always fatal.

