

# ASK OUR VETERINARIANS



Kevin, With the weather getting warmer...hopefully...parvovirus will start becoming more prevalent again. This virus will attack the gastrointestinal tract causing severe vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy and loss of appetite. Puppies are often more severely affected because their immunity towards this disease has not been built up yet. Dog's that are unvaccinated and living in areas with many other dogs are also at higher risk. Often times without hospitalization and treatment, this disease can be fatal. Fortunately, this is a disease that can easily be PREVENTED by having your dog vaccinated starting when they are puppies. The DHLPP vaccine (AKA Distemper vaccine) includes protection against the parvovirus. If you are considering breeding your dog, make sure she is vaccinated as well so she can pass along some of her immunity. So, if your dog is not up to date on their vaccines now is a great time to get them boosted. It is ALWAYS easier to prevent disease, than to treat it.

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