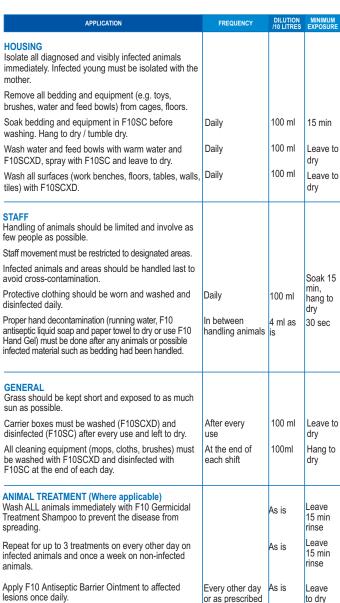


PARVO VIRUS



Please note that some products included in our recommendations and advice are not at this stage available in the USA but we have not deleted them in order that end users will be better able to understand these guidelines.

Remove all organic material and ointment using an approved irrigating solution before re-applying the

bv veterinarian



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HEALTHY HINTS





WHAT IS PARVO VIRUS?

Parvovirus is a HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS virus that attacks the intestines and causes sloughing of the inner layers of the intestine. The virus is minute but extremely hardy and can survive in the environment for months or even years.

WHO IS AT RISK?

Parvovirus is contagious. This potentially deadly disease is usually more severe in young animals less than 6 months of age and old animals seem to be more susceptible. Several factors such as age, environment, stress, parasites, vaccination and general health status of each individual animal will determine the severity of the illness.





SYMPTOMS

Clinical signs include: depression, severe vomiting, loss of appetite, fever, profuse smelly and bloody diarrhoea. Infected animals rapidly dehydrate and severe cases progress to shock and death.

TREATMENT

There is no specific treatment for parvovirus. The goal is to support the animal until the infection has run its course. Early fluid therapy is the most important factor in the treatment. Animals showing any of the above symptoms should be taken to a veterinarian immediately. With most animals there is at least a 70 % survival rate. Early veterinary care is essential for survival.

HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?

DIRECT transmission occurs when an infected animal comes into contact with a susceptible animal. The virus is found in heavy concentrations in the infected animals stool. The main source of infection is the faeces of infected animals.

INDIRECT transmission of the virus occurs via hands, shoes, clothing and other inanimate objects such as food and water bowls and bedding. The virus can also be transferred via the coat and pads of animals.

EVERYTHING IS CONTAMINATED – WHAT NOW?

Because it is such an extremely tough virus to destroy, many people want to know exactly how to disinfect an area that has been contaminated and how long they must wait before safely introducing a new animal, especially a young animal, to a previously contaminated area.

Enormous amounts of parvovirus are shed through the stool of infected animals during the weeks following exposure. Infected animals therefore pose a huge potential for environmental contamination.

It is important to realize that no environment is free from this virus unless it is regularly disinfected. A parvo viral infection can be picked up ANYWHERE, although it is easier to contract where an infected animal has been, simply because of the larger amounts of virus in that contaminated area.

PREVENT CROSS-CONTAMINATION

Before introducing a young animal, or on the return of a previously infected one, prevent other animals becoming infected by using the following:-

- Bath ALL animals with F10 Germicidal Treatment Shampoo to lower the amount of virus particles on the coat.
- Ensure the young animal is fully vaccinated, keeping in mind that
 they remain highly susceptible to Parvo until 2-4 weeks after the last
 injection of the immunization series. Consult with your local
 veterinarian regarding vaccinations schedules.



- No disinfectant (not even the few really good ones!) can effectively
 function in the presence of debris (organic matter) such as food,
 faeces, urine, blood, saliva, grass, soil, animal dander. Neglecting to
 properly clean prior to using these products will result in a false
 sense of security and a major waste of money.
- Your aim when cleaning and disinfecting animal housing, bedding, food and drink bowls, equipment and utensils is to reduce the microbial load to the lowest and therefore safest practical level on a daily basis.
- Prevent cross-contamination by cleaning and disinfecting throughout your household or the holding or breeding facility.

CHOICE OF PRODUCTS

Do not mix products! Some combinations can be really dangerous e.g. ammonia and bleach.

Safety first! Products such as the F10 range can be used on any surface AND in the presence of all animal species.

There is no need to put up with irritating fumes and special safety precautions – there are products available that can do the job without you having to look like you're about to venture into space.

Excess foam actually hampers the cleaning process because it traps the dirt so go for low-foaming products.

Always follow manufacturer's instructions with regard to dilution rates, method of application, contact times and safety precautions

CHECK THAT LABEL!

• Do not be misled by sales-talk on labels! All disinfectants and products used to eliminate and treat animal diseases must by Law be registered in terms of the Department of Agriculture, Stock Remedies Act 36 and given a registration number. This is for the protection of the user. All Act 36 products have been independently assessed by veterinarians employed by the Department of Agriculture or by assigned specialists. Label claims and directions for use have been specifically approved and will, where necessary, be limited to only those conditions that they are capable of dealing with effectively and safely - If it doesn't say its effective against Parvovirus, it isn't.

PREVENTION IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN CURE!

DISCUSS A VACCINATION PROTOCOL WITH YOUR VET TODAY AND KEEP THE F10 HANDY!

REMEMBER