

TREATMENT FOR "PARVO" - PARVO MAY NOT BE PARVO AND DOG CAN BE SAVED WITH THIS TREATMENT!

From the URKY Yahoo Group with permission to crosspost:

In a message dated 7/28/2010 8:20:09 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, dogcopilot@msn.com (Joan) writes:

I got this off a Facebook discussion among my friends about parvo. Why is this not more widely publicized?!! Wish I had known this last year with the Weimie girl. The really sad thing is that 99% of the time it isn't parvo, it is campylobacter, which is easily cured. 100% of the dogs who were presented to me as having "parvo", some of whom were tested and were positive for "pavo", all had campylobacter and were cured. I have NEVER lost a dog or puppy to a GI bug, even when they have arrived with blood squirting out their hind ends. If you have a dog or puppy with "parvo", then give 25 mg of Cephalexin per lb, twice a day until the diarrhea stops. If the dogs are at the vet's office, then tell the vet they must give the Cephalexin. They have nothing to lose (other than running up a huge bill and not saving the dog or puppy), and everything to gain by trying the Cephalexin. Last year, a friend's employee's 6 month old Lab puppy was dying of "parvo" after 6 days of treatment at her vet's office. After talking with her, she insisted her vet give the Cephalexin, and the puppy was completely cured and went home the next morning. Dogs and puppies who have been vaccinated for parvo will usually test positive for parvo--the test means nothing. A vet even admitted to me that the normal parvo test is useless, and that the only test that would be accurate takes 2 weeks to get results. It is heartbreaking when this is so easy to cure. The safest thing (and the reason why I have never lost a dog to "parvo") is to treat the puppies or dogs at home. All you need is the Cephalexin (available as "Fish-flex antibiotics at www.kvvetssupply.com and lactated ringers. It is best to give sub-q fluids when dogs have campylobacter. I gave 100 ml for every 10 lbs, 3 times a day. Most dogs and puppies didn't need the fluids, and some most were completely cured of "parvo" after 1 dose of the Cephalexin. Show people were losing entire kennels of overvaccinated dogs to "parvo" when they figured out that it wasn't parvo at all. Breeders have lost puppies at the vet because the vet was treating for "parvo", and when the breeder treated the rest of the litter for campy (campylobacter), the puppies lived. It is past time for all these needless deaths to stop. The former manager of the Joplin shelter began treating all her "parvo" puppies for campy and show miraculous cures.

The important thing is to give accurate doses. 25 mg of Cephalexin per lb is a high dose (the normal use of Cephalexin is 10 mg/lb. It is available in Capsule form as fish antibiotics. Therefore, sometimes you must use part of a capsule t...o accurately get the correct dose. For instance, a 10 lb dog would get 1 capsule. A 15 lb dog would get 1 1/2 capsules. The cephalexin must be oral, as it has to go through the GI tract. Campy is similar to e-coli. It is a bacteria that proliferates very quickly. It causes the intestines to shed their lining, just like parvo. Can kill overnight, but is just as quickly cured. Alameda East knows to test for it. I know of dogs with "parvo" that were taken to Alameda East, and they were treated for campy and did beautifully. Alameda East usually uses Erythromycin, but there are resistant strains of campy in people. I have always used Cephalexin with 100 % success.

Amoxicilian, Tetracycline, and metronidazole are also available as Fish Antibiotics without a prescription at www.kvvetssupply.com

Sometimes, it will present as a dog looking lame in the hind or even front end or like the dog has a back injury. That is because it can cause severe cramping and the dog will hunch over. Other times, they will simply stop eating and the gums will turn white quickly. One case of a 5 yr old Beagle who had just arrived from Texas looked like hemolytic anemia (her blood work screamed hemolytic anemia). However, turned out to be campy. An hour after her 2nd dose of Cephalexin, the Beagle literally jumped out and trotted off. Her "hemolytic anemia" disappeared, and she was still fine 2 yrs later the last time I talked with her adopters. The moral of the story is: assume campy first. If it is ruled out, then start looking at other options.

If your vet is skeptical, insist that no harm can be done by trying the Cephalexin. Again, it has to be oral. A rescuer in Indiana tried this on a Shar-Pei mix puppy who tested positive for parvo at the vet. They thought he was a goner. 4 hours after the only dose, he was playing and running. She became a believer. The show people are the ones to thank since they are the ones who figured this out.

Joan