

# Helping Dogs with Parvo

First you need to understand that the Parvo virus doesn't kill your puppy, dehydration does. When treating, you need to focus on whether your dog is dehydrated.

## Here are some ways to tell if your dog is dehydrated.

1. Tented skin - you pull the skin up and it doesn't snap back quickly
2. Excessive panting
3. Gently press on gums with your finger - if the dog is hydrated the gum will appear white for a second and then turn pink - if dehydrated it will take much longer for the gum to turn pink again

## Calming and Antiviral

Eucalyptus essential oil - 5 drops

Lavender essential oil - 5 drops

2 oz carrier oil (extra virgin organic olive oil, jojoba oil, coconut oil, fractionated coconut oil)

Massage into pads of feet. Lavender will calm and eucalyptus is an antiviral.

When dealing with essential oils - more is not better. Remember that animals have very sensitive noses!

Make sure to give them fresh clean water and see that they are drinking.

If they can keep something down, you can make this mineral replacement formula

### Pedialyte style - mineral replacement

1/2 gallon of water

1 cup oats (not instant)

1/3 c molasses

1 tsp sea salt

Bring water to boil - add ingredients

Simmer 5 min

Let sit 20 min

Strain

Use a syringe to give them some. If they can keep it down, continue to give them more every 30 minutes. You can increase amount as long as they are not throwing it back up again.

If they are doing well with the liquid, you can try to get them to eat a puree. I know this might not sound appealing to you, but there are a lot of necessary minerals in this beef liver puree.

Beef Liver puree

2 slices beef liver - cooked

1/4 ripe banana

Oat water - add enough to make it thin enough to suck up with syringe

## **If they can't keep anything down**

You will have to get water into them. The best way to accomplish this at home is with an enema.

**Enemas can be the most effective way to give fluids to your puppy at home and it has a good track record.**

The amount of fluid you give depends on the puppy. Puppies less than 10 lbs would need about 10 ml of fluid whereas puppies 40 lbs or more would need 60 ml. To find out exactly how much to give your puppy, ask your holistic vet. If you have no vet, research online. If you work slowly and patiently, you will know whether your puppy needs more or has had enough.

You can give enemas several ways ...

- Infant enema bag
- Bulb syringe
- Standard, clear syringe with catheter tip (not the kind made for needles)

**Warm the fluids to body temperature first.**

You want to administer the enema very slowly ... over several minutes. If you go too quickly, the fluid will just start to squirt out. If the puppy does not need the enema, the fluid will simply come back out again, no matter how slowly you go.