

# WORKING WITH PUPPIES WHO HAVE PARVO



# Welcome!

- Brief Introduction
- Why you are interested in the parvo assignment?

# Today's Agenda

- Overview of Parvo
- Volunteering in the Parvo Ward
  - Entering/Exiting
  - Practice “Gowning Up”
- Tour of IOQ
- Overview of Force Feedings
- Scheduling Logistics/Next Steps
- Q&A

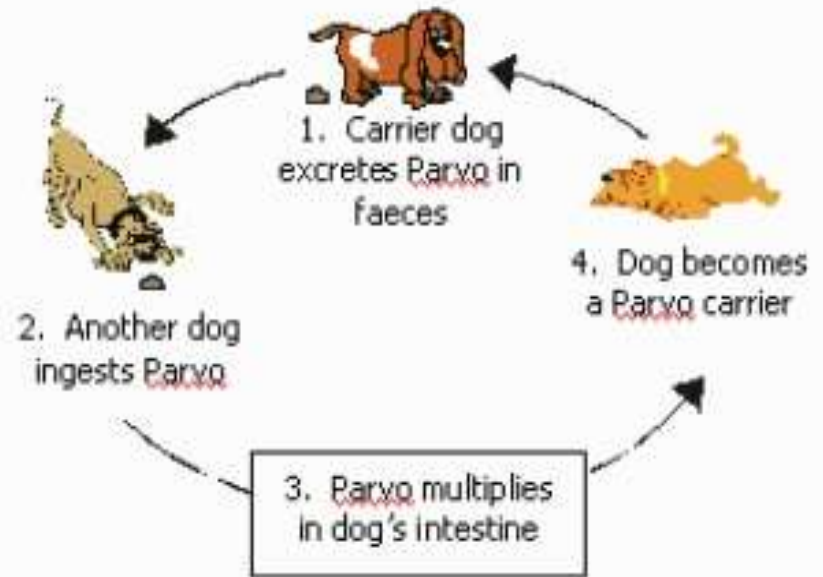


# An Overview of Parvo

# What is Parvo?

- Viral Illness that is highly contagious
- Easily transmissible through feces, vomit
- Most common in puppies 6weeks-6months
- Onset of symptoms from exposure: 3-10 days and happens quickly
- Can live in the environment for months or even years!

## Life Cycle of Parvo Virus



# Symptoms of Parvo

- Severe, bloody diarrhea
- Lethargy (looking “dumpy”)
- Anorexia
- Fever
- Vomiting
- Severe weight loss
- Possible Death



# Treatment of Parvo

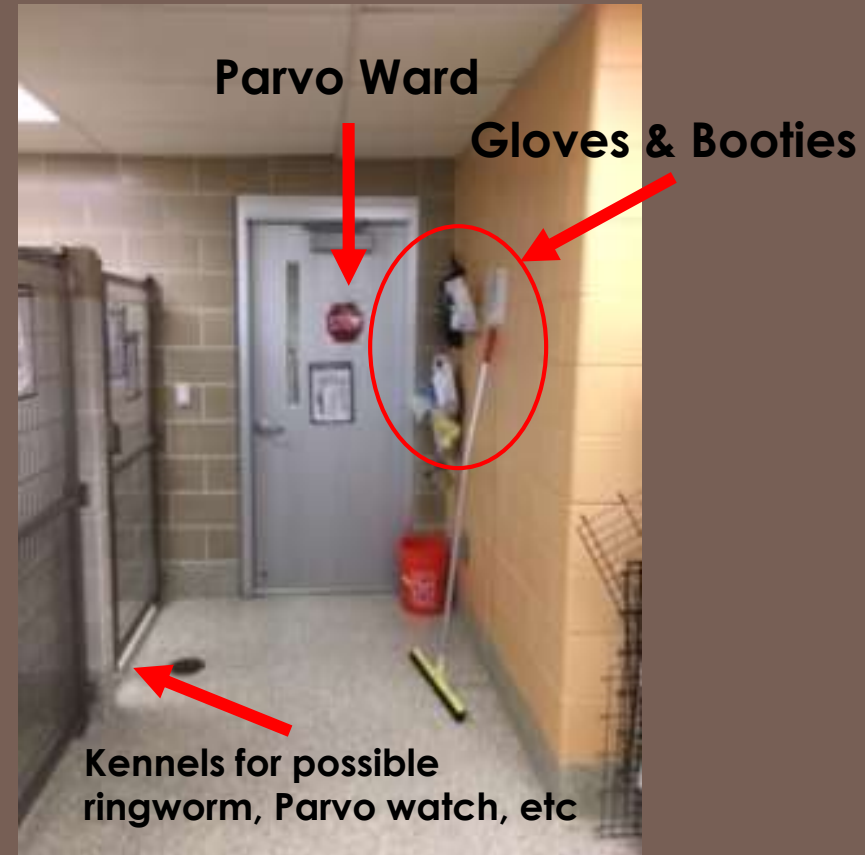
- No drug can kill the virus
- Management of symptoms is key to successful treatment
- IV Fluids may be necessary in some cases
- Force Feedings (what volunteers will help with)
- Currently we have a save rate of 87%



# Volunteering in the Parvo Ward



# IOQ AREA IN PICTURES



# Volunteer Roles in the Parvo Ward

- Puppy Socialization
  - Recovery can take weeks
  - Positive human interaction is so important
  - Visitation only, no walking
- Force Feedings
  - Help with management of symptoms
  - Can feed anytime you visit with a puppy
- Working with Parvo Pups is the last thing you do at the shelter for the day.



# Parvo Positive vs. Parvo Watch

- Parvo + puppies will be housed at the **FRONT** of the kennel in the parvo ward.
- Parvo Watch puppies will be housed at the **BACK** of the kennel and are to be visited with first.
- Parvo Watch puppies will have separate entry and separate gowns.



Parvo Watch behind guillotine door

# Procedures for ENTERING the Parvo Ward

- Remember, nothing that goes into ISO comes out.
- Have food mixed and ready.
- If there is a **BLUE** line (means ringworm) of tape outside of the ISO door, you will need to boot up before crossing that blue line and again as you enter ISO.
- No blue line, then one pair of boots as you enter ISO.
- Always 2 pairs of gloves. One pair before and one pair after putting on a gown.
- Gowns are available inside of ISO and will be hanging up.



First Layer of boots and gloves before crossing blue line



Slide food on floor, put on 2<sup>nd</sup> set of booties before entering parvo ward

# Procedures for EXITING the Parvo Ward

- Remove top layer of gloves.
- Remove gown and hang back up (if not soiled/dirty).
- Open door and as you start to step out, remove boot layer, then remove other boot on other foot as you step out.
- If blue line, you will remove other boots as you cross over the line.
- Remove gloves and discard boots.





# Volunteering in the Parvo Ward

- You can wear the same gown between puppy visits (unless it gets heavily soiled).
- You must change the top layer of gloves between the different puppies.
- Be prepared to see bloody diarrhea, vomit, and puppies that look and are feeling sick.
- Puppies may be hooked up to IV fluids.
- Towels, blankets, chewed toys are discarded in the trash. New items can be found on the shelves.

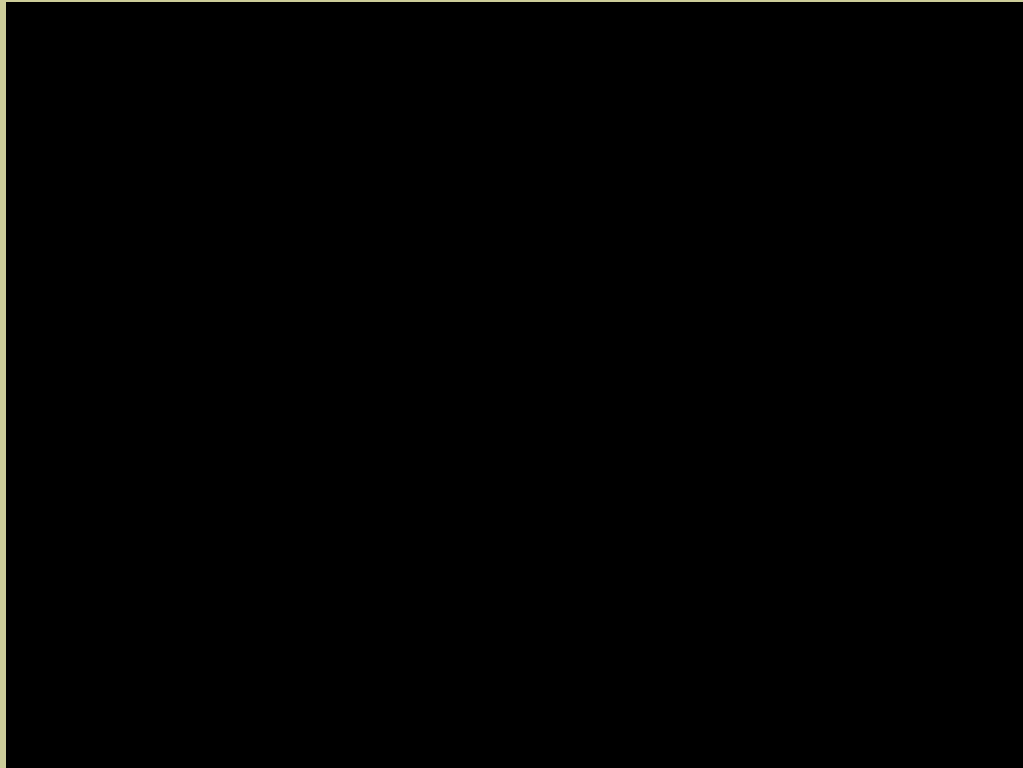


# Volunteering in the Parvo Ward

- Puppy kisses on your face are fine just be sure to wash face/hands after exiting.
- If an IV starts beeping or you need something, open door to clinic and ask for help.
- Remember, these puppies are sick and might not survive or the decision for euthanasia needs to be made.
- Volunteers who have puppies (or are fostering), immune compromised dogs should not volunteer in this assignment.



**Let's Watch a Video**





## Time for You to Practice

- Practice procedures for entering/exiting Parvo Ward

# Let's Take a Tour of IOQ

- Practice Entering Into Parvo Ward
- Location of Supplies
- Parvo vs. Parvo Watch Locations
- Questions from Tour?

# How to Do Force Feedings

# Force Feedings-Supplies & Mixing

- Use disposable dishes.
- Take a can of A/D food and use equal parts food/water.
- Mix so that there are no big lumps.
- Consistency should be able to go into a syringe, but not be too watery.



# Force Feedings

- Can force feed anytime you are visiting.
- Feeding syringes are in clear shelving unit inside of Parvo ward.
- Can use any size syringe (usually depends on your hand size/comfort).
- Start with 20cc in the syringe.
- Grab a towel, enter kennel and gently hold dog and try to force food into dog's mouth.
- Try to get as much as you reasonably can, then document amount fed on log sheet.



# Scheduling Logistics

# Scheduling Yourself in VIC

- Sign Confidentiality agreement during training.
- Choose your own time
  - 9am-30min before close
  - M-W: Close at 6pm; Th-F: Close at 7pm; Sa/Sun: Close at 5pm
- Welcome email sent after training.
- An email will be sent from the volunteer dept when there is a need for visitation.
- Questions/concerns? Please see volunteer dept/clinic staff member.

# SHELTER MED TEAM



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# Q&A WITH DR. COURTNEY



# THANK YOU!!