



PARKSIDE veterinary group

PANLEUKOPAENIA info

Feline enteritis (feline panleucopenia) is caused by a feline parvovirus that is found in infected faeces. It is a very hardy virus and will survive in the environment for long periods of time. A special disinfectant is required to sanitise objects and areas that have been exposed to feline enteritis virus such as food bowls, bedding and clothes.

An infected cat may show signs of inappetence and depression. This can progress to severe abdominal pain, profuse vomiting and diarrhoea, which often contains blood. The virus may cause abortion in pregnant queens or foetal abnormalities. Mortality rates in young kittens are very high.

It is important that all kittens commence a vaccination program from 9 weeks of age and that all adult cats have their annual boosters. This is done along with cat flu and feline leukaemia vaccine, all in the same injection.