



PARKSIDE veterinary group

PARVO (canine parvovirus) info

Canine parvovirus is a term generally used to describe the severe illness caused by a highly infectious virus (the parvovirus) in dogs. The most common form of the illness is a gastroenteritis with persistent vomiting and profuse diarrhoea, usually with lots of blood. Raspberry jam has been used to describe this - sorry!

The virus causes widespread ulceration of the intestine and dogs which survive often are left with very sensitive tummies. The symptoms lead to a serious fluid loss, resulting in dehydration. If not treated *promptly and intensively*, death may result. The illness is easily prevented by vaccination against the parvovirus and this is included in all routine dog **vaccinations**.