

PARVOVIRUS

Muddy Paws Parvovirus Prevention Team

Did you Know?

- In 2021, Muddy Paws took on the responsibility and care of twenty-six dogs who were infected with the deadly *parvovirus*. These dogs were surrendered to local shelters and animal hospitals and subsequently were transferred to the care of Muddy Paws Second Chance Rescue to give them the best chance to fight for their lives. Out of those twenty-six dogs, twenty-one lives were saved thanks to our volunteers and medical staff partners.
- Our rescue fought for these babies to survive, sparing no effort including *hospitalization, bloodwork, IV medications, IV fluid therapy and plasma transfusions*. These treatment efforts can cost hundreds to thousands of dollars per dog! It is estimated that without treatment up to 75% of animals infected with parvovirus may not survive. With treatment there is still a potential of up to 25% who may not survive. Out of those twenty-six dogs' parvo dogs we rescued in 2021, 5 of those lives lost the battle to the virus. *Abby, Bruce, Bambi, Xena and Charlie*, along with those who lost their lives in the years prior, will remain in the hearts of our rescuers forever and will drive our goals for success in this program.
- "Parvo Season" is here, and the hardy virus is everywhere in our community. We have already started the year off with six more lives saved. Our goal is to educate the public and provide ***FREE*** Distemper/Parvo combination vaccines to our community pets to reduce the spread of this virus. This disease is 100% preventable and the death of our beloved pets can be stopped by keeping vaccinations current. Please join us in fighting this war against *Parvo*!
- According to AAHA vaccination guidelines, puppies should start receiving the Distemper/Parvo at 6-8 weeks of age and proceed to get the vaccine booster every 3-4 weeks until they reach at least 16 weeks of age. Adults then receive a booster every 1-3 years depending on their age. Muddy Paws Second Chance Rescue recommends following your veterinarian's advice for vaccinations, including annual exams and staying up to date on other vaccinations such as Rabies, Leptospirosis, and Bordetella but our goal right now is to reduce the outbreak of Parvovirus.
- In exchange for the free vaccine, we ask that you educate your friends, family members, coworkers and neighbors about Parvovirus and how we can overcome this deadly disease. If you feel so inspired to volunteer or donate, please visit our website: www.muddypawssecondchancerescue.com or search for Muddy Paws Second Chance Rescue on social media. Do not forget to share!



*With love, from the
Muddy Paws
Second Chance Rescue Team*