



CANINE DISTEMPER

DOGS SUFFERING FROM DISTEMPER ARE DEALING WITH
A **HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS** VIRUS THAT CAN BE FATAL



WHAT IS CANINE DISTEMPER?

Caused by a paramyxovirus, distemper in dogs is closely related to measles in humans. Once dogs become infected, the virus causes severe illness by attacking systems in the body, including the lymphatic, nervous, respiratory, optic, and digestive.



HOW IS IT SPREAD?

The virus spreads primarily through airborne exposure or direct contact with an infected animal or surface. Infected dogs spread it through droplets that released into the environment or landed on objects, like food or water bowls, infect other animals when they come into contact.



SYMPTOMS

Dogs can experience a wide range of symptoms when they contract distemper resulting in what are known as stages. In any case, ask immediately your vet about unusual signs.

STAGE ONE

- Fever
- Clear runny nose
- Eye discharge
- Eye inflammation
- Labored breathing and coughing
- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Hardening of nose and footpads

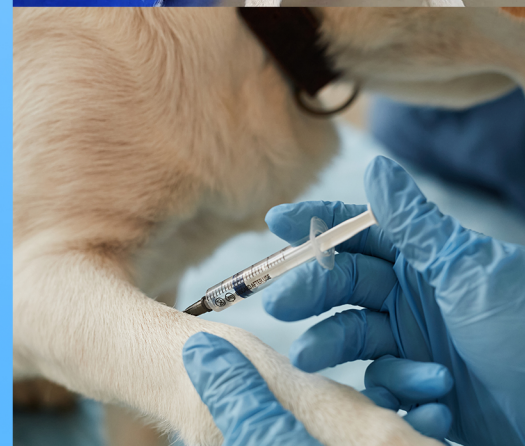
STAGE TWO

- Circling
- Paralysis
- Head tilting
- Seizures
- Rapid eye movements
- Muscle twitches
- Convulsions



PREVENTION OF CANINE DISTEMPER

- Vaccinate your dog and keep vaccines up-to date
- Don't socialize your puppy with other unvaccinated dogs. Be sure your dog's friends have received their vaccines.
- When you adopt a dog, look for documents to ensure the animal is fully vaccinated
- Keep your dog away from other wildlife that may be infected



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