

DIARRHEA

Symptoms:

- Very runny or watery fecal output
 - Know the difference between diarrhea and “normal” kitten feces.
 - “Cow patty” or “toothpaste” is okay.
- Wet Tail is a sign of diarrhea so even if diarrhea is not directly witnessed, treat accordingly.

Diagnosis:

A diagnosis can be made on the basis of the cat's clinical signs and medical history.

Treatment Protocol:

All kittens that are eating get:

- **LRS** - BID-TID x as needed until diarrhea is resolved
 - 5cc for Bottle Babies
 - 10cc for Gruel.
 - If kittens are unthrifty be sure to warm up the fluids in a heating pad and tested on your arm to make sure not too hot. Fluids can cool the kittens body temp so you never want to administer to a Fading Kitten.
- **Step 1:**
 - Pen-G injection (broad spectrum antibiotic). First choice for diarrhea unless bloody or worms are seen.
 - Penicillin G (300,000U/mL) - Dilute 1mL Pen G in 6mL NaCl and give based on weight. Give SQ SID x 3 days

75g-150g	0.1mL
151g-300g	0.2mL
301g-600g	0.4mL
600-680g	0.5mL

- **Step 2:** If diarrhea **continues after 48 hours (Day 3)**
 - Panacur (dewormer). Dose is 0.2cc/lb PO SID x 5 days (do not refrigerate)
 - Toltrazuril (anticoccidial/antiprotozoal).
 - 50mg/mL - 0.3mL/lb PO SID x 3 days (do not refrigerate)
 - Praziquantel (75mg/ml) 0.05ml/lb PO SID x 2 days..
 - Kaolin- 0.1ml/lb bid x one day

- **Step 3:** If diarrhea **persists at day 6 (last day of panacur and marquis)**
 - Metro 100mg/ml- 0.1ml/lb po sid x 5 days.
 - Kaolin- 0.1ml po bid x one day

- *** If diarrhea not resolved after these steps a VET exam is needed for further plan**

If kitten is **NOT EATING** and/or **vomiting** and having **diarrhea**:

- Test for panleuk
 - If negative treat with DILUTED 5 mg/kg baytril, fluids, polyflex, cerenia x 5 days
 - Start diarrhea protocol
 - Vet needs to do abdominal palpation if persists for >24hours and still not panleuk positive.
 - If positive refer to panleuk treatment protocol

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