

Panleuk Protocol and Medications

<u>Testing</u>

Kittens that are sick with panleuk will have a combination of some or all of the symptoms below:

- inappetance
- vomiting
- diarrhea

If the kitten is showing any combination of these signs, or a litter has any kittens found suddenly deceased, test the kitten/litter using an IDEXX Parvo test.

Medications

Rx: **Enrofloxacin** (100mg/ml) - 2mg/lb SQ in fluids SID x 3 days This is a tiny amount (0.02cc/lb). Do NOT overdose, can cause blindness! Injecting without diluting will cause an abscess

- Rx: **Polyflex** 0.05cc/lb SQ BID x 3 days (refrigerate)
- Rx: Cerenia (10mg/mL) SQ SID x 3 days (refrigerate)
 - <1lbs 0.05cc</p>
 - 1-2lbs 0.1ml
 - >2lbs 0.04mL/lb
- Rx: LRS 15cc/lb SQ TID x 3 days

Rx. **Panacur** (100mg/mL) - 0.2mL/lb PO SID x 3 days

Rx. Marquis Paste (75mg/mL) - 0.3mL/lb PO SID x 3 days

Instructions: Heat the syringe with fluids & baytril under a heat disc or heat pad until warm. DO NOT HEAT THE NEEDLE.

TEST THE LIQUID ON YOUR ARM prior to injection to make sure it's not too hot. The baytril is given subcutaneously in fluids (to avoid the abscess). Then inject the polyflex and cerenia into the SQ fluid hump.

Feeding and Care

Kittens should be force fed gruel or baby food as often as possible. Nursery force feeding guidelines should be followed. They should always be kept warm and cozy to prevent Fading Kitten Syndrome!

In foster care: Small frequent meals are best (1-3cc hourly). Fosters can also give sugar water 0.3-0.5cc every 2-3 hours.

In ward: kittens should be fed each shift in which they have lost 10 grams.

Post-Panleuk

After 3 normal stools or 3 days of eating well and no vomiting they can be considered negative or tested if in the ward.

Each kitten must be bathed TWICE to get all traces of poop off and, then dried to prevent them from getting chilled (warm towels from the dryer work well and you can use a hair dryer on lowest setting but be very careful to not burn their fragile skin!)

Panleuk is VERY contagious just like Parvo! Fosters should be aware, especially if they have unvaccinated cats or kittens under 4 months of age- Please ask and inform!