

Going Deeper: More Resources About Common or Concerning Shelter Infectious Diseases



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SPECIFIC DISEASES

Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease (CIRDC):

- [Kennel Cough](#)
- [Canine Distemper Virus](#)
- [Canine Influenza](#)

Feline Calicivirus, Feline Herpesvirus, and other Feline Upper respiratory pathogens

- [Feline Calicivirus & Virulent Systemic Feline Calicivirus \(VS-FCV\)](#)
- [Feline Upper Respiratory Infection \(URI\) Discussion](#)
- [How can I decrease the spread of feline URI within my shelter?](#)
- [Are oral ulcers in cats always due to calicivirus?](#)
- [Is Lysine Use for Cats with URI beneficial?](#)

Feline Immunodeficiency (FIV)

Feline Infectious Peritonitis/Feline Coronavirus (FIP/FCoV)

Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)

- [Why are some shelters no longer testing all cats for FeLV and FIV?](#)

Parvovirus:

- [Feline Panleukopenia](#)
- [Canine Parvovirus](#)
- [Parvovirus Protocol](#)

Streptococcus zooepidemicus

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV/RHDV2)

Ringworm (Dermatophytosis)

EFFECTIVE DISEASE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

Capacity for Care, Length of Stay, Population Management

- Overview of Capacity for Care (C4C)
- Reducing the number of CIRDC cases in the shelter
- Streptococcus equi subspecies zooepidemicus: Preventing an outbreak
- Space per animal to help avoid crowding
- Length of Stay (LOS)
- New Paradigms for Shelters and Community Cats

Welfare, Stress Mitigation

- Playgroups: Should we be worried about infectious diseases?
- Enrichment for Dogs with Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex (CIRDC)
- Feline Upper Respiratory Infection (URI) Discussion
- Enrichment recommendations for both dogs and cats in shelters
- What kind of bedding, toys, and litter are appropriate for cats undergoing ringworm treatment?
- Does giving cats a hiding space make them less adoptable?
- How to make partial cage covers aka “curtailments”

Facility Design, Housing, and HVAC Considerations

- What is double-compartment (aka double-sided) housing and why is it essential for housing cats and dogs in animal shelters, clinics, and hospitals?
- Parvovirus prevention within shelters utilizing double-sided housing
- Air duct maintenance and cleaning
- Facility Design and Animal Housing

- Feline housing considerations in a shelter/rescue, veterinary hospital, or boarding facility
- Combining, Mixing, or Co-housing Unrelated Kittens
- Group Housing Calculator for Cats

Vaccination

- Vaccination in Animal Shelters
- How many vaccines are required prior to adoption?
- Is there a maximum number of FVRCP vaccines a kitten should receive between 4-20 weeks?
- Vaccination on Intake with a High Return-to-Owner (RTO) Rate
- Should my shelter be vaccinating dogs for Canine Influenza (CIV)?
- Which Bordetella Vaccine to Use and Why?

Effective Sanitation/Biosecurity

- What specific concentrations of Rescue/Accel are best for 'spot' cleaning and 'full' cleaning, and when is each type of cleaning appropriate?
- Spot-cleaning dog kennels
- Spot Cleaning Cat Cages
- Rescue Concentrations for Spot Cleaning Cat Kennels and Shared Rooms
- What is the best way to clean effectively but minimize stress?
- Is there such a thing as bleach-resistant panleukopenia or parvo?
- Will Accel (Rescue disinfectant) kill parvo in grassy areas, specifically when puppies are housed in outdoor kennels on grass?
- Considerations for “out-of-cage” time
- Is it OK to house a parvo puppy for treatment in the same isolation room as a kitten with feline URI syndrome?
- Multi-dog housing: Is spot cleaning still appropriate?
- Should We Isolate a Cat With URI?
- Use of air sanitizers in the shelter setting
- What are your recommendations on how to handle puppies safely in a shelter?
- Sanitation and Parvovirus
- What specific concentrations of Rescue/Accel are best for 'spot' cleaning and 'full' cleaning, and when is each type of cleaning appropriate?
- Hand sanitation in an animal shelter
- Do the viruses that cause feline respiratory infections spread in the air? If so, how far apart do we need to house cats to reduce Feline URI in the shelter?
- What is a safe distance to position cat kennels so as not to spread disease should one of them get URI?

Outbreak Response, Risk Assessment, and Mitigating Spread

- [Steps to contain disease outbreak](#)
- [Risk Assessment: How do you decide how much to worry about exposed animals?](#)
- [What protocols are recommended to reduce the incidence of parvovirus infections when transferring puppies?](#)
- [Should shelters have mandatory intake quarantines?](#)
- [Developing infectious disease policies and protocols in an animal shelter](#)
- [Calicivirus--Questions after an outbreak](#)
- [When to Quarantine Cats Exposed to Feline Panleukopenia](#)
- [Risk Factors for Disease Outbreaks](#)

Diagnostic Tests

- [What is the latest information available about vaccines for, and diagnosis and treatment of panleukopenia?](#)
- [Risk Assessment in Case of Parvovirus Outbreak](#)
- [Recommendations for Respiratory Disease Testing in Shelter Dogs](#)
- [In-house Antibody Titer Testing](#)
- [How do you test for virulent systemic calicivirus in recovered cats?](#)
- [FIV Exposure and Testing](#)
- [My kitten foster has had FeLV turn up in her herd, exposing dozens of cats. Do we test everyone? And then what do we do with the positives?](#)
- [Accuracy of Wood's Lamp Exams for Diagnosing Dermatophytosis](#)