

Cat and Kitten Diarrhea Protocol

Under Six Weeks

See protocol "Common Neonatal Problems and Medications"

Six Weeks and Over

Consult vet if severe watery or bloody diarrhea, inappetance, lethargy, painful, will not get up, pale, weight loss, vomiting. Especially if 8 weeks or younger!

Consider panleuk testing if

- under 4 months of age
- diarrhea +/- vomiting or not eating
- kitten has been in shelter for less than one week or
- history of possible exposure to panleuk positive kittens.

1. If BAR, eating, gaining weight and diarrhea one day or more
 - a. If email
 - i. Rx. Panacur SID x 3 days if not done within last 3 weeks
 - ii. Rx. Marquis Paste - 0.3mL/lb once
 - b. If present
 - i. Rx. Panacur and Marquis as indicated above
 - ii. If 6-12wks old administer Pen G SQ once
2. If BAR, eating, gaining weight and no improvement in diarrhea for additional 72 hours:
 - a. Rx Praziquantel 7.5mg/kg PO once
 - b. Rx. Metro 20mg/kg PO SID x 5 days
 - c. Schedule an appointment in 48-72 hours
 - i. Notify foster/adopter to cancel appointment if diarrhea resolves/resolving
3. If diarrhea persists after 5 days (still BAR, eating, etc)
 - a. SQF 15mL/lb
 - b. Fecals will be only by DVM request
 - c. Notify vet for plan

If cat/kitten still having diarrhea after these steps are done or if any nausea/anorexia occur – consult vet for any further treatment/plan.

****ALL CLINICAL SIGNS, EXAM FINDINGS, AND MEDICATIONS NEED TO BE WRITTEN ON THE SHEET OR PUT DIRECTLY INTO THE RECORD.**