

## **Policies and Procedures**

## Parvo Puppy Crashing Protocol

## Signs of shock

Any of the following symptoms may count:

- Lateral
- Non-responsive
- Comatose
- Very weak

- Cannot stand
- Cannot swallow
- Pale or tacky mucous membranes
- Weak or thready pulses

## Process

- 1. Place IV catheter—as quickly as you can, even if it means you do not scrub thoroughly.
- 2. Give LRS 10 ml/lb (1/4 "shock bolus") as fast as it will go in
  - a. If on intake or within first 3 days in ICU, use LRS. If after third day in ward, use hetastarch.
  - b. While fluids are going:
    - i. Burrito puppy in blanket with heating pad (only paw/IVC sticking out)
    - ii. Take temperature
    - iii. Give dextrose 50% IV repeatedly (3cc/10#) every 3 minutes (set a timer)
- 3. After fluids are finished, assess gum color and feet temperature (feet will be warm if doing well). If feet still cold or gums gray—start another 10mL/lb LRS bolus and CALL DVM
- 4. Get a PCV/TP/BG
- 5. Once warm, start feeding if patient is swallowing and not vomiting.
- 6. Place on IVF at 3x maintenance for next 24 hours if gums are not white.
- 7. Vaccinate if needed!