



## **PARVOVIRUS**

### **MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR PARVOVIRUS (RECOVERED)**

This pet was diagnosed with parvovirus while at the Arizona Humane Society. Parvovirus is a highly contagious disease that affects rapidly dividing cells, including the lining of the intestines and the bone marrow. Clinical signs include vomiting, diarrhea (often containing blood), anorexia, and lethargy. Intensive treatment is often required for dogs diagnosed with parvovirus, and can be fatal even with treatment in severe cases. This patient was treated by Second Chance Animal Hospital and has now recovered from the disease. Although the patient has recovered, there are a percentage of patients that continue to shed the virus in their feces for up to 2 weeks following recovery. It is recommended to isolate this puppy from other puppies and unvaccinated dogs for a 2 week period following recovery. The virus particles can survive very well for a prolonged period of time in the environment, so thorough disinfection with bleach is required to disinfect the areas this pet has been. As with any puppy or unvaccinated dog, we caution against visiting public areas (parks, stores, etc.) until fully vaccinated. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.