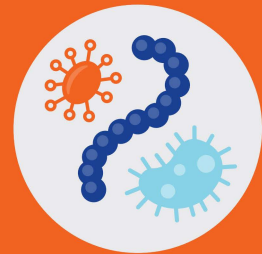


Coccidiosis

Coccidiosis is an intestinal disease that causes vomiting and diarrhea.

Coccidiosis is caused by a microscopic parasite that spreads through contact with infected animals and animal feces. Coccidiosis causes severe signs in younger, older, or weak pets, but healthy adult pets may not have any visible signs.



What does it look like?

Common signs:

- Diarrhea and vomiting
- Decreased appetite
- Lethargy
- Dehydration

- ▶ Puppies and kittens are at special risk for severe diarrhea and dehydration, which can lead to death.



How is it diagnosed?

- Clinical signs like diarrhea and lethargy
- Physical exam results
- Stool tests to identify parasites

How is it treated?

Prescription medication can help eliminate the parasite. Hospitalization, intravenous fluid therapy, and additional medications may be necessary if your pet is dehydrated or debilitated.

- ▶ Complete all doses of medication, even if your pet seems to be feeling better.



How to help your pet

- Administer all medications as prescribed by your veterinary team
- Monitor your pet and schedule checkups as directed
- Ensure your pet always has cool, clean water, especially if they have diarrhea
- Keep infected pets away from other pets and remove feces promptly to avoid spreading the disease
- If your pet has an accident, bathe them and clean any soiled bedding immediately
- If your pet's signs don't improve, bring them in immediately
- Contact your veterinary team with any questions
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