



TK Kennels

False Positive Parvo Test and Re-Vaccinations

My puppies receive their first shot at least one week prior to going to their new homes. I do this in case they have a reaction or get sick after receiving their first shot. *And yes many puppies get sick after receiving their first parvo shot.* You may be told by your vet this is not true, but I have been breeding puppies for 12 years and I have seen it happen too many times to be coincidental.

My health guarantee requires that puppies are to be seen by a vet within 5 business days after going to their new homes. Many times these puppies are given another parvo shot because vets do not trust the breeder's shots. They will tell you that if the breeder gave the shot it will not hurt to give again. **This simply is not true!** I have seen this happen time and time again, these puppies get very sick, some do not recover and die, some recover and cost the puppy's owner hundreds of dollars for treatment. And who gets blamed when this happens – **I do, not the vet.**

If your puppy becomes sick shortly after receiving a parvo shot, you take it to the vet to see what's wrong, then if you describe any symptoms that sound like Parvo (e.g. vomiting, diarrhea, not eating, fever), the first thing the vet will likely do is administer a Parvo test.

At one time, this meant taking a blood sample and sending it off to the lab to be analyzed, and this, of course, took at least one day. That sort of delay can be fatal with a virus such as Parvo. So that's why, these days, the vet will do the Parvo test in the clinic using a stool sample – the results are instant.

If the test comes back positive, your vet will tell you that your dog has the virus – and, of course, will try to get you to pay a lot of money to have it treated. The problem? A positive Parvo test does **not** always mean that your dog actually has the virus.

For one thing, the test is not foolproof, as claimed. Vets will also tell you that administering this test shortly after a dog has been vaccinated can give you a false positive – **hardly surprising, considering they've just injected a ton of viral particles into your pet!** Some vets deny this altogether, they claim if the test is positive the puppy has the virus.

In the 14 years since I have been breeding I have never had a case of parvo in or around my kennels. It is impossible for your puppy to test positive for parvo coming from my home since none of my puppies or breeders have had or ever had parvo.

Some studies have shown that over-vaccinating a puppy can actually give them parvo. Many past customers' puppies have developed full-blown parvo symptoms literally 1 to 2 days after being re-vaccinated.

If you think about it, the vaccines contain the live virus, and if that weren't bad enough, many vaccines contain multiple viruses – anywhere from four to seven or eight at a time.

Finally, and perhaps most worrying of all, is the fact that research has now shown that all vaccinations, not just Parvo ones, can weaken your puppy's immune system.

TK Kennels recommends the puppy not be given another vaccination shot in less than 2 weeks after arriving in their new home (doing so voids my guarantee).

I have read and do understand and agree that if my puppy becomes ill or dies after given any vaccinations, TK Kennels is not responsible for any sicknesses, vet bills, or death of puppy.

_____ date _____