

Giardia and Coccidiosis Notice

It only takes as little as *about 5 days* from ingestion of a Giardia cyst (from infected feces, grass, water or soil) to have cysts pass in the stool. From exposure to onset of illness for Coccidiosis is about 13 day and exposure comes from another dog's feces. Since these are very common in puppies as well as adult dogs and easily treatable this is not part of our health guarantee.

What exactly are these infections?

Giardia - Giardia is a microscopic parasite that causes the diarrheal illness known as **giardiasis**. Giardia (also known as Giardia intestinalis, Giardia lamblia, or Giardia duodenalis) is found on surfaces or in soil, food, or water that has been contaminated with feces (poop) from infected humans or animals. (according to the CDC)

Coccidiosis - Coccidiosis is a parasitic type of infection, caused by the coccidium, that most commonly causes watery, mucus-based diarrhea in dogs. If it is not treated, *over time* it can cause damage to the lining of the dog's intestinal tract. With treatment, the prognosis is good. ... Stress, as from moving, travel and weather changes, and being in an environment with other infected animals are the most common causes of this parasitic infection to develop. It is spread through fecal matter, and is most commonly found in puppies that have contracted the parasite from an adult dogs' feces. The coccidiosis infection is of particular danger for young dogs, since their immune systems are still underdeveloped. (PetMD)

Exposure to these can come from anywhere and any dog. Humans can be carriers for both of these as well as other dogs and cats. The environment the puppy is brought into (including stopping on the road to go potty on the way home, exposure at the vet office, new home environment) can cause these infections as well as stress. Although alarming both are treatable and prognosis is good. This is a common ailment in dogs and we take great strides to prevent it in our own kennel.

Note: If a puppy is considered severely/deathly ill requiring hospitalization within our 3* day clause, as per a vet and tests, contact us *immediately*. Do not allow more than 24 hours to pass between diagnosis and contacting us. Delays may void the guarantee. We will need copies of the dog's vet records as well as the vet information. We require our dogs be seen by a vet within 3* business days of purchase and to receive a Parvo vaccine within 7 business days of purchase. Failure to take the dog into a vet within our required timeframe voids all guarantees and contracts.

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*you must have at least scheduled a vet examination appointment within the 3 business days