

Cat and Kitten Diarrhea Protocol

Under Eight Weeks

See protocol "Common Neonatal Problems and Medications"

Eight Weeks and Over

1. Consult vet if severe watery or bloody diarrhea, inappetance, lethargy, painful, will not get up, pale, weight loss, vomiting.
2. Consider panleuk testing if it is a kitten under 4 months of age and diarrhea +/- vomiting or not eating and kitten has been in shelter for less than one week or history of possible exposure to panleuk positive kittens.
3. If BAR, eating, gaining weight and diarrhea for one day or less:
 - a. Pen G 0.1 ml/lb SQ once
 - b. Review dewormer history, add dewormers as needed
4. If BAR, eating, gaining weight and diarrhea for more than 1-2 day:
 - a. Pen G 0.1 ml/lb SQ once
 - b. Review dewormer history, add dewormers as needed
 - c. Praziquantel 7.5mg/kg PO once
 - d. Metronidazole 10mg/kg BID x 5 days
5. If no improvement in diarrhea 48 more hours perform fecal but also treat below regardless of result; treat any other diagnosed parasites:
 - a. Panacur PO SID x 3 days
 - b. Marquis paste PO SID x 3 days
6. If cat/kitten still having diarrhea after these steps are done or if any nausea/anorexia occur – consult vet for any further treatment/plan. Veterinarian – see the SEVERE AND/OR CHRONIC DIARRHEA IN SHELTER CAT PROTOCOL.

*****ALL CLINICAL SIGNS, EXAM FINDINGS, AND MEDICATIONS NEED TO BE WRITTEN ON THE SHEET OR PUT DIRECTLY INTO THE RECORD.***