

## Canine Diarrhea and HGE Report Form Winter 2008-2009 Outbreak

**Overview:** In the winters of 2004, 2005, and 2006, seasonal outbreaks of mild to moderately severe bloody diarrhea in dogs in LA County were reported to this office. Extensive diagnostics were conducted each time, and did not reveal a clear cause.

On January 26, 2009, reports of fresh outbreaks of watery and bloody diarrhea in dogs were again received, primarily from veterinary clinics in the San Fernando Valley. These recurring undiagnosed outbreaks are again being investigated. Potential causes include viruses, food contamination (Ex. Recent Salmonella contamination of treats), bacteria, and parasites.

UNDIAGNOSED OUTBREAKS ARE OFTEN SOLVED ONLY BY TAKING DETAILED CASE REPORTS. Common patterns between cases are often only detected by gathering such information. We greatly appreciate your help in this investigation.

**Date form completed** \_\_\_\_\_

(May use stamp or sticker to complete section 2 & 3, if available)

### 1. Dog Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Reporting Veterinarian

Name of veterinarian or technician:

Name:

Address:

City, ZIP:

Telephone, E-mail:

### 3. Owner information

Name(s)

Address

City, ZIP

Telephone:

**Is it okay for Public Health to call the owner(s) to ask more about the history?** YES NO

NOTE: A street address is ideal, but a nearby intersection may be offered, to help track geographic patterns.

### 4. Clinical Course

a. Date of onset of first symptoms \_\_\_\_\_ b. Date of presentation \_\_\_\_\_

c. Date of death(s), if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

d. Fever? YES NO If yes, highest temperature detected = \_\_\_\_\_

e. Clinical Signs (circle all that apply):

|          |                              |                              |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Anorexia | Diarrhea-watery              | Diarrhea - mucoïd            |
| Lethargy | Diarrhea – soft stool        | Other clinical signs (list): |
| Vomiting | Diarrhea – bloody            |                              |
|          | Diarrhea - tarry/black stool |                              |

#### (4. Clinical Course – continued)

f. Already recovered as of date form filled out? YES NO UNKNOWN

g. Rate of recovery if known (circle one):

Rapid (1-2 days)

Slow (3-5 days)

Very Slow (6+ days)

Waxing and Waning – no clear recovery

No recovery – chronic illness or euthanized/died

#### 5. Exposure/Possible Causes

a. Did dog have any exposure to raw fish (especially Salmon or trout)? YES NO

b. Current brands of dry and canned dog food being fed: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Current type, brands of treats (dry biscuits, jerky treats, rawhide, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

d. Dietary indiscretion by dog in week before onset (i.e trash, swallowed a toy, etc)? YES NO

e. Dog's regular diet changed in the week before onset? YES NO

f. Any humans in the house have (or recently had) similar symptoms? YES NO

g. Any other dogs, cats, or other pets in the home have similar symptoms? YES NO

h. Any traveling with dog in the week before illness onset? YES NO

i. Does dog leave its property regularly (walks, escapes)? YES NO

j. Does dog have regular access to wildlife or feces/urine from wildlife? YES NO

k. Does owner/veterinarian have any theories about the cause of the dog's illness? YES NO

l. EXPLAIN. If there was a YES answer to any of the above questions, please use the space below to explain:

#### 6. Treatment.

a. IV fluids administered? YES NO

b. Subcutaneous fluids administered? YES NO

c. **Medications.** Please **LIST** the names of all drugs (antibiotics, antiparasitics, antidiarrheals, etc.) used and route of administration (IV, PO, SQ etc). You do not need to note the dose or frequency of use.

#### 7. Laboratory results

a. In-house Parvo SNAP test result: NEG POS Not done

b. In-house fecal testing (type of test, result) \_\_\_\_\_

c. Please FAX all laboratory results to us along with this form.