



Common Shelter Illnesses

Lone Star Pawz Rescue

Feline Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)

- Common signs: sneezing, nasal/eye discharge, squinting, decreased appetite, fever.
- Reduce stress, isolate when appropriate, monitor eating and hydration.
- Mild cases may only need monitoring; worsening cases require veterinary evaluation and treatment.

Canine Bordetella

- Highly contagious respiratory infection spread through direct contact and the air.
- Typical signs include a dry honking cough, nasal discharge, lethargy, and fever.
- Most mild cases recover with supportive care; severe cases require veterinary treatment.

Canine Parvovirus

- Spread through infected feces and contaminated environments.
- Signs include vomiting, bloody diarrhea, lethargy, dehydration, and loss of appetite.
- Immediate veterinary care is essential. Vaccination is the best prevention.

Parvo & Panleukopenia Facts

- Animals may spread the virus before showing signs.
- Proper cleaning and disinfection are critical.
- Vaccination remains the most effective protection.

Sarcoptic Mange

- Contagious skin mites affecting animals and people.
- Signs include intense itching, hair loss, and crusty skin.
- Isolate affected animals and thoroughly clean bedding and surfaces.

Ringworm

- Contagious fungal infection affecting pets and humans.
- Keep infected pets isolated and clean the environment frequently.
- Wash bedding on hot cycles and disinfect hard surfaces.

When to Contact the Medical Team

- Difficulty breathing
- Not eating
- Repeated vomiting
- Bloody diarrhea
- Extreme lethargy
- Rapid worsening of symptoms
- Signs of dehydration