

Case Study

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Canine Parvovirus Infection: A Case Report

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ABSTRACT

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Two dogs of 2 and 3 month old were presented with history of lethargy, vomition and foul smelling diarrhea. The dogs were febrile, dehydrated, mucous membrane were pale and pinkish. Both the dogs were sent for haematological examination and revealed microcytic and hypochromic anemia. Both the dogs were tested for canine parvo virus through ELISA. Serum sample of one dog was sent for modified Elisa (immunocomb) test and it tested S2 positive. Faeces of the other dog were sent for immune chromatographic qualitative test and showed reaction.

Introduction

Canine parvovirus infection is one of the most important enteric pathogen of dogs. The disease has a rapid clinical course and death that can occur in 2–3 days after onset of signs (Miranda and Thompson, 2016). Canine parvovirus is one of the most dangerous and contagious viruses with high morbidity (100%) and frequent mortality up to 10% has been reported (Appel *et al.*, 1978). Puppies between the time of weaning and 6 months of age are most susceptible. Canine parvovirus infection is characterized by two clinical forms(i) Enteritis form affecting dogs of all ages, (ii) Myocarditis form in which pups of less than 3 months of age are

susceptible(Woods *et al.*, 1980). Dogs with enteritis show symptoms of depression, loss of appetite, vomiting, high fever and severe diarrhea in early stage (Kramer *et al.*, 1980).The route of transmission of canine parvovirus infection is through oral contact with infected faeces or contaminated surfaces (Black *et al.*, 1979). Vaccination is the best method to control canine parvo virus infection (Zhao *et al.*, 2016).

History

Case 1

A 2 month old puppy was presented with history of lethargy, vomition and foul smelling

diarrhea. On clinical examination, animal was febrile (102.3°F), dehydrated with pale mucous membrane.

Eldervet, pantop bid
Emset bid for 7 days.

Case 2

A 3 month old German shepherd pupnot vaccinated for canine parvo virus was presented with acute onset of anorexia, recurring vomition and blackish diarrhea. Mucous membrane were slightly pinkish and temperature was 101.4 °F),

Oral feeding was restricted for first 4 days. After oral rehydration solution and haematinics were given

Some of the studies have reveled canine parvovirus infection in suspected dogs to be 40.85% (Behera *et al.*, 2015).

Treatment and Discussion

Case 1: i/v ringer lactate, metrogy, broad spectrum ampicillin od

Eldervet, pantop bid
Emset bid for 7 days.

Fluid therapy, preferably i/v KCl or dextrose or colloidal support (hetastarch or albumin) if needed can be given. Broad spectrum bactericidal (ampicillin, cephalosporin, Unasyn®) antibiotics, Anti-nausea therapy (metoclopramide, ondansetron, maropitant), Empirical deworming and nutritional support (trickle enteral feeding when vomiting controlled and parenteral nutrition if enteral feeding not tolerated) are some of the prophylactic measures for Canine parvo infection.

Oral feeding was restricted for first 4 days. After oral rehydration solution and haematinics were given

Case 2: i/v ringer lactate, metrogy, broad spectrum cefotaxim sodium od

Fig.1 Puppy with diarrhea



Table.1 Blood examination

Parameter	Normal value	Case 1	Case2
Haemoglobin (g/dl)	12-18	ANEMIA (7.2)	ANEMIA (10.8)
TLC (thou/mm ³)	6-17	LEUKOPENIA (5)	NORMAL (12)
DLC – Neutrophils (%)	60-76	NEUTROPHILIA (78)	NORMAL (70)
DLC – Lymphocytes (%)	12-30	NORMAL (16)	NORMAL(24)
DLC – Eosinophils (%)	2-10	NORMAL(3)	NORMAL (3)
DLC – Monocyte (%)	3-10	NORMAL (3)	NORMAL (3)
DLC – Basophils (%)	0-1	NORMAL (0)	NORMAL (0)
RBC (mill/mm ³)	5.5-8.5	ANEMIA (4.750)	NORMAL (6.34)
PCV (%)	37-55	ANEMIA (23.7)	ANEMIA (32.2)
MCV (fL)	60-77	MICROCYTIC (50.1)	MICROCYTIC (50.9)
MCH (pg)	19.5-24.5	HYPOCHROMIC (15.1)	HYPOCHROMIC (17)
Platelet count (thou/mm ³)	211-621	NORMAL (290)	NORMAL (387)
RDW-CV	0.115-0.159	NORMAL (0.133)	NORMAL (0.148)

Table.2 Case 1

Serological tests	
Investigation	Canine Parvovirus (ELISA)
Specimen	Serum
Method	Modified ELISA (Immunocomb)
Result	S2 positive reaction for the presence of parvovirus.

Table.3 Case 2

Serological tests	
Investigation	Canine Parvovirus (ELISA)
Specimen	FAECES.
Method	Immuno Chromatographic Qualitative.
Result	Reactive.

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