HOW CAN I KNOW MY DOG ISN’T INFECTED?

HAVE YOUR PET TESTED WITH WITNESS® LEPTO!
Your veterinarian now has a quick and reliable test, WITNESS® Lepto, that can be done right here in the clinic with a simple blood sample. The test provides accurate results in approximately 10 minutes, helping ensure you and your veterinarian can take any additional steps for treatment or can have the peace of mind that your pet is healthy.

WHAT ARE THE TREATMENT OPTIONS?
Leptospirosis is generally treated with antibiotics and supportive care. When treated early and aggressively, the chances for a full recovery are good.

Diagnosis is the first step.

WHY SHOULD MY DOG BE TESTED FOR LEPTOSPIROSIS?

A QUICK GUIDE ON LEPTOSPIROSIS FOR PET OWNERS


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WHAT IS LEPTOSPIROSIS?¹

Leptospirosis is a disease caused by the bacterium *Leptospira* that can be found worldwide in soil and water. There are many strains of the bacterium that can cause the disease. Leptospirosis is also a zoonotic disease, which means it can be spread from animals to people.

WHAT COULD PUT MY DOG AT RISK?¹

Common risk factors for leptospirosis in dogs residing in the United States include:

- Exposure to or drinking from rivers, lakes or streams
- Roaming rural properties
- Exposure to wildlife or farm animals (even if in the backyard)
- Contact with rodents or other dogs
- Contact with infected urine or urine-contaminated soil, water, food or bedding
- A bite from an infected animal
- Eating infected tissues or carcasses
- Breeding (although the occurrence is rare)

WHAT ARE SIGNS OF THE DISEASE?¹

Signs of leptospirosis vary from dog to dog. Some infected dogs show no signs of illness, some have mild, transient symptoms and recover spontaneously, while others develop severe illness that can lead to death.

Signs can include:

- Fever
- Shivering
- Muscle tenderness
- Changes in frequency and amount of urination
- Dehydration
- Vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Lethargy
- Jaundice
- Painful inflammation within the eyes

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF LEPTOSPIROSIS?¹

If infected, leptospirosis can cause kidney failure with or without liver failure; bleeding disorders, which can lead to blood-tinged vomit, urine, stool or saliva; nosebleeds; and pinpoint red spots that can be visible on the gums, mucous membranes or on light-colored skin.

Dogs may occasionally develop severe lung disease and have difficulty breathing and can also develop swollen legs from fluid accumulation or accumulate excess fluid in their chest or abdomen.