

Infectious Disease Red Flags

In a shelter – with so many lives at risk – it's best to err on the side of caution when it comes to infectious disease.

The signs below CAN be seen with common and potentially serious infectious disease. Some of these signs can also be seen with many other, less worrisome problems.

If you see these signs, it is best to isolate the animal and handle as if infectious (to both animals and people) until it can be checked by a veterinarian or you have more information.

- Bloody or severe diarrhea
- Vomit or diarrhea with other signs of disease
- Neurological signs, including eyes
- Oral ulcers with fever or swelling
- Circular patches of hair loss
- Dead in cage – always check for parvo/panleukopenia