



Mason County PAWS Humane Society
Mason County, Michigan

CANINE AND FELINE DISTEMPER

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Canine and Feline Distemper are different diseases. Although both these diseases can cause acute illness and death, canine and feline distemper should not be confused, as they are caused by two distinctly different viral agents.

Canine distemper is caused by a paramyxovirus, often called canine distemper virus or **CDV**.

Feline distemper, also called Feline Panleukopenia or Feline Parvo, is caused by the parvovirus virus known as **FPV**.

The chart below shows what animals are susceptible to each disease

Family	Canine Distemper	Feline Distemper
Canidae (wolf, coyote, fox, domestic dog)	Yes	NO
Felidae bobcat, lynx, domestic cat	NO	YES
Procyonidae raccoon	YES	YES
Mustelidae ferret, mink, weasel, marten, fisher, otter, badger, skunk, wolverine	YES	YES (mink, and possibly skunk and otter)