



Bella & Sprocket

Bella and Sprocket Callan, two 7-month-old Rottweiler puppies, were presented to the emergency service at Mount Laurel Animal Hospital in September of 2017 after being diagnosed with parvovirus by their regular veterinarian. Both puppies had developed vomiting and diarrhea a few days prior to presentation and had not responded to initial treatment, so were referred for continued care.

Bella and Sprocket were quite sick on presentation, and Bella was not breathing normally. The puppies were admitted to the hospital and aggressive treatment with intravenous fluids and medications was started. Bella was placed in oxygen due to her breathing, and both puppies required the placement of a nasogastric tube (a feeding tube that is placed through the nose into the stomach) because they were regurgitating. Over the next several days, the puppies began to respond to treatment; their regurgitation and vomiting stopped, and they started to eat. Bella was discharged five days after she was initially presented, and Sprocket was discharged six days after he was initially presented.

While treatment for parvovirus is available, it can be cost prohibitive for many families, which was the case in this situation considering there were two very ill pets. THE EMPATH PROJECT'S ability to cover a large portion of this treatment has allowed these puppies to continue a long and happy life with their owners; when alternatively, the outcome may have been far worse were the funds not available.