



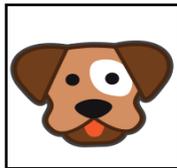
DOG PAWS BOARDING RESORT, LLC.

FAQ REGARDING KENNEL COUGH



What is Kennel Cough?

The medical terminology is “Infectious Tracheobronchitis” which is a highly contagious upper respiratory infection that is spread by one or more of these infectious agents: parainfluenza, adenovirus, or Bordetella. This airborne canine virus is like a sinus infection for humans and is often seasonal.



Signs and Symptoms to be on the lookout for:

The main symptom of Kennel Cough is the cough. The dry, hacking cough mimics the sound of a cat hacking up a hairball and can be exacerbated by excessive activity.

- A strong cough, often with a “honking” sound
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite

If a dog is showing signs of Kennel Cough it is imperative that they see a veterinarian as soon as possible to be diagnosed and get started on a treatment plan.



What if my dog exhibits signs of Kennel Cough while at Dog Paws?

At Dog Paws if I notice a dog with the above-mentioned symptoms they will be immediately isolated until their owner can come pick them up and are encouraged to take them to the vet. Please be sure that if you are not able to come pick them up that your Emergency Contact is able to come get your kiddo. They will not be able to remain at Dog Paws due to the risk of infecting other dogs. I will also notify all other clients who may have been exposed.



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How is Kennel Cough transmitted?

As with other respiratory pathogens, canine cough is spread by direct dog-to-dog contact, respiratory secretions, aerosols generated by coughing and sneezing, and contact with contaminated environments. The virus can also contaminate kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, collars and leashes, and the hands and clothing of people who handle infected dogs.

This airborne virus can actually spread anywhere there are multiple canines in close proximity; the dog park, on a dog walk, dog shows, groomers, even at the vet. Your dog could catch it by sniffing another dog on a walk or sharing a water pail at the park.



If my dog is vaccinated can they still get Kennel Cough?

Yes. It depends on several factors including the age of the dog, the state of the dog's health and immune system, the specific strain of the virus, etc.

The best preventative measure for Kennel Cough is a vaccine known as Bordetella. This is why it is a requirement at Dog Paws; however, it only vaccinates against a particular strain of the virus that is more prevalent at the time. The Bordetella vaccine is a preventative measure to keep your canine kiddo safe and others staying at Dog Paws safe but it will not guarantee your dog will never come in contact with this airborne virus.



What preventative measures does Dog Paws have in place for Kennel Cough?

- Bordetella vaccine is a vaccine requirement as mentioned above.
- Dog Paws has a very rigorous cleaning practice and procedures to sanitize each day to help prevent the spread of illnesses.
- It goes without saying that sick pets should **not** be brought for Boarding or PLAY (Doggie Day Care). Please contact me ASAP to cancel your reservation to avoid any charges.
- If your dog is showing any symptoms of illness please don't bring them to Dog Paws until they recover and have been treated by your veterinarian. We do not allow any Boarders or PLAY members to attend who have had Kennel Cough to return to Dog Paws until 10 days after their symptoms have stopped.



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Does Dog Paws pay for the treatment of Kennel Cough?

- No. Just as you would not expect your school to pay for your child contracting a cold, Dog Paws will not pay for the treatment of canine cough. It is an inherent risk when a large group of dogs congregate in one place.
- Dog Paws will be forced to close for 14-days if an active Kennel Cough Dog has Boarded or PLAYed. So please be kind and respectful of all other clients and do not bring your ill kiddo to Dog Paws.

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