

Canine Influenza FAQ



What Influenza Viruses Can Affect My Dog?

Canine Influenza is a type A Influenza virus. There are two different strains of influenza currently affecting the United States, H3N8 and H3N2. The virus is highly contagious between dogs, but has not shown to be transmissible to people.

Canine Influenza In Hawaii

Fortunately, Hawaii has no confirmed cases of Canine Influenza, but the virus has spread rapidly on the mainland in recent years. We recommend vaccinating your pet if you plan to travel with them to areas of exposure.

How Is Canine Influenza Spread?

Canine influenza can be transmitted through droplets or aerosols containing respiratory secretions. These spread through coughing, barking and sneezing. Canine influenza can also be spread indirectly through objects, or people that have been in contact with infected dogs. Clean objects in between use of different dogs, and wash your hands between touching dogs.

Symptoms Of Canine Influenza

The incubation period for Canine Influenza is 1-5 days. The virus can remain transmissible on surfaces for up to 48 hours, on clothing for 24 hours, and on hands for 12 hours. Canine influenza is an acute respiratory infection that can happen year-round. There is no Canine Influenza season. Dogs infected normally have a soft, moist sounding cough, lasting anywhere from 10 to 21 days. Affected dogs may also have nasal and/or ocular discharge, sneezing, lethargy and anorexia. Affected canines will also normally have a fever ranging from 104-105°F. The average temperature in an dogs is 100-102.5°F.

Is Canine Influenza Lethal?

While most dogs recover from Canine Influenza, deaths have occurred from it. This generally happens in dogs with suppressed immune systems, or dogs that do not receive symptomatic treatment.

If we can be of any assistance, remember to give us a call, or stop by. We are open every day from 7am-9pm!



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