

Kennel Cough FAQ



What Causes Kennel Cough?

A variety of bacteria and viruses are responsible for this infectious bronchitis including *Bordetella bronchiseptica* (bacteria), Parainfluenza virus, Adenovirus type 2, Canine distemper virus, Canine influenza virus, Canine herpesvirus, *Mycoplasma canis*, Canine reovirus, and Canine respiratory coronavirus.

Kennel Cough In Hawaii

Kennel Cough is prevalent in the state of Hawaii. It can occur even in a vaccinated dog, though the duration and severity is typically shorter.

How Is Kennel Cough Spread?

While there is no single vaccine that can prevent Kennel Cough, a variety of vaccines can help prevent it. *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, canine adenovirus type 2, canine parainfluenza virus, canine distemper, and canine influenza vaccines can help prevent infectious cough.

Symptoms Of Kennel Cough

Kennel Cough can be described as a very harsh hacking sound. It may sound like something is stuck in their throat and they're trying to get it out.

Treatment For Kennel Cough

Kennel Cough treatment may vary. In many cases, it may be very mild and resolve itself with time. Dogs typically have a normal appetite and activity level.

How Does Kennel Cough Occur?

A dog infected with Kennel Cough sheds infectious agents in respiratory secretions. These secretions become aerosolized and float in the air. A healthy dog can breathe these in and become infected. Infected dogs can be contagious for 2-3 weeks, even after their symptoms have resolved. This is a big part in how it spreads, so if your dog is sick, please keep it away from other dogs.

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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