



Kennel Cough Information

The canine equivalent of the common cold, Kennel Cough is a very common and treatable affliction. The airborne pathogens responsible for the spread of Kennel Cough can be encountered at the local dog park, dog show, daycare, kennel, and anywhere else dogs can be found! Kennel Cough is characterized by a persistent, dry, and non-productive cough. With few exceptions, Kennel Cough is a relatively harmless illness that tends to resolve itself within the course of a few weeks.

Despite its high rate of contagion, there are several steps you and your family can take to prevent its contraction. The very best way to protect your dog is to have your veterinarian administer the Bordatella vaccination (injectable or intranasal). Just like the common cold, Kennel Cough is caused by a vast array of bacteria and viruses which make its prevention an impossibility. Even if your dog has received the Bordatella vaccination there is a 40% percent chance they may contract Kennel Cough if exposed to the airborne pathogens. Dogs possessing a strong and healthy immune system are better protected. By providing your dog with a well-balanced diet and a low-stress lifestyle, you can dramatically reduce your dog's risk of contraction.

Here at DSL, we do all that we can to prevent the spread of Kennel Cough. We require that all dogs who enter our facility to be vaccinated (no exceptions). Our twice-daily cleaning routine includes the cleaner Kennel Sol, a broad-spectrum cleaner known to destroy many of the pathogens that can cause Kennel Cough. Dogs who exhibit the symptoms of Kennel Cough will not be admitted into DSL. If your dog begins to experience symptoms while under our care, he or she will be put in isolation for the safety and well being of all the other dogs at our facility. Unfortunately, a dog can still spread this illness before showing symptoms. As such, please be aware that, in spite of our best efforts, there is the possibility that your dog can still contract Kennel Cough here or anywhere else dogs are encountered.

If your dog contracts Kennel Cough, contact your veterinarian, especially if the dog is very young, very old, or possesses a weak immune system as Kennel Cough can lead to secondary infection or pneumonia can develop in severe cases.