



Kennel cough season is officially here. So far we have only received a few isolated reports from our customers, but from following up with local veterinarians and other local dog care facilities, we know our area has seen a sharp increase in the number of cases in just the last week. In an effort to minimize its impact in our facility and the community at large, we want to go over a few things:

-THE KENNEL COUGH (BORDATELLA) VACCINE-

Similar to the human flu vaccine, the bordatella vaccination is not 100% effective for all virus strains we see in a season.

Vaccinated dogs can still contract it.

We recommend you discuss vaccination/re-vaccination with your veterinarian.

-ABOUT KENNEL COUGH-

Also known as canine infectious tracheobronchitis, kennel cough is an upper respiratory infection and is normally not a serious condition. While it can sound horrible, most dogs can recover without any treatment. Puppies, older dogs, and dogs with compromised immune systems are at higher risk of catching it and potentially developing secondary infections/lower respiratory infections (such as pneumonia).

-SYMPTOMS-

- Most obvious is a honking or hacking cough. Often mistaken by owners as their dog having something stuck in their throat, or the sound they make after pulling on their leash while walking.

From our experience, if you hear this cough while your dog is at rest that is a sign they likely have it.

- Other symptoms can include sneezing (not to be mistaken with reverse sneezing), runny nose, and/ or eye discharge. It is also possible that a dog may be infected with kennel cough and not show any symptoms, complicating efforts to diagnose and prevent it from spreading.

-INCUBATION PERIOD-

Another complication is that kennel cough can have an incubation period of 3-10 days during which the infected dog might show no symptoms at all, yet be contagious to the other dogs.

-HOW WE HANDLE KENNEL COUGH AT EUREKA FARMS PET RESORT-

We take great pride in our efforts to clean and disinfect our facility daily. However, once kennel cough shows up in our community, it will show up everywhere dogs can interact with each other, including dog parks, veterinarian offices, pet supply stores, groomers, training classes, etc.

-IF YOUR DOG HAS IT-

- If you suspect your dog may have kennel cough **please keep your dog home** and consult with your Vet. Infected or symptomatic dogs may not return for services for at least 14 days from symptom onset. We understand this will be inconvenient, but this is necessary to help protect as many dogs as we can from exposure.

- **Daycare/Grooming-** If your dog comes to EUREKA FARMS PET RESORT and we suspect they might have kennel cough, we will immediately isolate them from the other dogs and contact you.

- **Boarding-** If your dog is boarding with us and shows signs of kennel cough we will isolate your dog from the others, contact you. If you would like us to contact a veterinarian and for your dog to be seen, we will schedule an appointment with a local veterinarian we trust. You will be responsible for all veterinary and travel expenses and must authorize payment for their services.