# Canine Cough Fact Sheet

# Commonly known as Kennel Cough.

# Bordetella is the vaccine that covers *most strains.*

# Symptoms are runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing, “hacking” like a cat with a fur ball, or it may sound like your dog has something caught in his/her throat.

# Vaccinated dogs CAN contract canine cough as numerous strains are circulated, similar to the common cold in humans.

# Puppies, senior dogs and dogs with compromised immune symptoms are the most susceptible.

# Incubation period is 2 – 14 days. Dogs can be asymptomatic, meaning, appearing healthy one day, yet come down with the virus a week later.

# The virus is airborne and HIGHLY contagious.

# What can you do:

# Ensure your pet is up-to-date on his/her vaccines, including the Bordetella Vaccine. This will lessen the duration and severity of symptoms if your pet does contract canine cough.

# If your pet exhibits any of the signs of canine cough, keep your pet home until all symptoms are clear for a minimum of one week.

# Feed your pet good quality food ensuring optimum nutrition to enhance his/her natural immunities.

# Talk with your veterinarian regarding frequency of the Bordetella vaccine. Some recommend every 6 months, others recommend yearly.

# What can Suite Dog Daze Llc do:

# Ensure all dogs entering our facility are up-to-date on vaccines.

# Use veterinary grade germicide for routine cleaning.

# Ensure all clients keep dogs home who exhibit any signs of canine cough.

# Have good ventilation throughout the facility.

# Keep all toys, and shared spaces sanitized regularly.

# Wash water bowls several times during the day.

# Limit shared items, such as water bowls, toys, bedding, etc., as much as possible in a shared group setting.

# Keep clients and staff informed on causes, preventions, treatments, and aware of signs and symptoms of canine cough.

# *Suite Dog Daze Llc., and it’s entire staff promise to do our part to keep your pet safe, healthy and happy while in our care.*

**I am aware that my dog may come into contact with a strain of Tracheobronchitis/Bordetella (Kennel Cough) virus while in close proximity with other dogs, while visiting SDD Llcs. I am also aware that, even though my dog has been vaccinated against the virus, that is no guarantee they will not contract a strain of the disease.**

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