



Canine Influenza Confirmed in North Carolina

What you need to know as a pet owner about Canine Influenza "Canine Flu":

- Canine Influenza Virus is not the same as Canine Parainfluenza or Bordetella.
- It is highly infectious and the virus spreads very quickly from dog to dog.
- Can be spread by direct contact with respiratory discharge from infected dogs, through the air via cough, bark, or sneeze, and by contact with contaminated objects such as dog bowls and clothing.
- To prevent the spread of disease, wash your hands with soap and water or disinfect them with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer after contact with dogs.
- If your dog is coughing or showing other signs of respiratory disease please do not allow them to participate in activities outside of your home to help prevent the exposure of other pets.

Please call us immediately if your dog has any of the following symptoms:

- Coughing or Sneezing
- Discharge from the nose or eyes
- Loss of appetite
- Lethargy/Lack of energy

Additional information can be found at the following link: <http://www.doginfluenza.com>

Canine Flu Vaccine Available Now

The canine flu vaccine is currently available for our patients. The vaccine protocol requires an initial vaccine followed by a booster in 2-3 weeks and then is given annually. If you would like to schedule an appointment or have additional questions please contact the hospital.



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