

What is Canine Cough, what do you do about it, and can my dog get it?

Canine infectious tracheobronchitis (Canine Cough or Kennel Cough) is one of the most common infectious diseases in dogs. Fortunately, the majority of cases are not serious, resolving on their own in 1 to 2 weeks. The main cause of Canine Cough is the airborne bacteria, Bordatella bronchiseptica. A dog with Canine Cough will develop a coarse, dry, hacking cough about 5 to 10 days after being infected. It sounds as if the dog needs to “clear its throat” and the cough will be triggered by any extra activity, drinking water, exposure to change of temperature, or exercise. Many dogs that acquire Canine Cough will cough every few minutes, all day long. They will wretch and sometimes vomit a white foamy looking matter. Their general state of health and alertness are usually not affected, they usually have no rise in temperature, and do not lose their appetite.

Even in the most hygienic, well ventilated, spacious dog facilities, the possibility of a dog acquiring Canine Cough still exists. Canine Cough can be acquired from your neighbor’s dog, from the dog park, from your dog’s veterinarian, from the sidewalk where an infected dog walked earlier, etc. For this reason, try not to blame anyone or any place if your dog develops Canine Cough. There may have been an infected dog, unknown to anyone, that acted as a source for other dogs. The signs of Canine Cough usually will last from 7 to 21 days and can be very annoying for the dog and the dog’s owners. If you suspect your dog has Canine Cough, isolate your dog to prevent spreading to other dogs and call or visit your veterinarian for medical advice. If your dog has recently been to dog school, boarding, doggie daycare, or any other place where your dog was exposed to other dogs, notify the correct individuals and advise that your dog is coughing.

You don’t need to isolate your dog to prevent infection. The best recommendation is to discuss with your veterinarian what combination of vaccines and boosters they recommend. Many dogs that contract Canine Cough will display only minor signs of coughing that may last 7 to 10 days and will not require any medication at all. Treatment is generally limited to symptomatic relief of the coughing with non-prescription, and occasionally prescription, cough suppressants. If the dog is running a fever or there seems to be a persistent and severe cough, antibiotics are occasionally utilized to assist the dog in recovering. It can happen that secondary bacterial invaders will complicate a case of Canine Cough and prolong the recovery by severely affecting the upper airway. Therefore the use of antibiotics is determined on an individual basis. Follow the advice and course of treatment that your veterinarian has prescribed.

REFERENCE: Merck Veterinary Manual – Eighth Edition, Dr. Michele St. Pierre, Waterloo West Animal Hospital

At Paws Pet Resorts, we don’t want any dog to get a cold; our dog’s are here too! Our knowledgeable staff is always looking for signs of illness and every boarding dog has three health checks daily. All facilities get Canine Cough from time to time. Colds go around, just like in child daycare. The hard part for us is that a fully vaccinated dog can still get a cold and they won’t show symptoms until 5 to 10 days later. An infected dog can even give the cold to others and never have symptoms themselves. To minimize outbreaks, we use hospital disinfectants and scrub everything constantly. We have air exchange and air purification systems. We don’t let any dog into the facility unless they have their vaccinations. Outbreaks are usually once or twice a year and only affect a few dogs. Would you isolate your child to prevent a cold? No, socialization and schooling is just as important for our dogs as our children.

Owner has read the information provided on Canine Cough and agrees to keep their dog’s vaccination status current at all times while attending Paws Pet Resorts. _____(initial)

Owner understands that vaccinations, in order to be active, should be given at least two weeks prior to attending Paws Pet Resorts. _____(initial)

Owner further understands that the Bordatella (Canine Cough) vaccination does not cover all strains of the virus and your dog may still contract Canine Cough. _____ (initial)

I agree that I will NOT hold Paws Pet Resorts responsible if Owner’s dog contracts Canine Cough.

Owner’s Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

***Note: Your Emergency Contact person should be someone that can make decisions about your dog in the event that you cannot be reached.**

Veterinary Information

Vet's Name _____

Hospital Name _____

Location _____

Phone Number _____

Referral Program

How did you hear about Paws? (circle one) Website Vet Advertisement Trainer Friend Other

What is your friend's name? _____ What is their dog's name _____?

Pup's Personality Profile



PUP #1

Dog's Name _____

Breed or Mix _____

Sex M / F DOB or Age _____

Neutered/Spayed Y / N At what age? _____

Color _____

Identifying marks _____

How long have you owned dog? _____

Where did you get your dog? _____

If adopted, do you have past history? Y / N

If yes, please describe _____

Health/Grooming

List any Medications _____

Reason for use _____

Dosage Instructions _____

Does your dog have any allergies? Y / N

If yes, please describe _____

Is your dog on flea control? Y / N

List any medical conditions _____

Has your dog been ill in the last 30 days? _____

Does your dog have hip dysplasia? Y / N

If Yes, what restrictions _____

Has your dog ever had a seizure? _____

What food does your dog eat? _____

Any dietary restrictions? _____

Does your dog like being brushed? Y / N

How does your dog react to nail clipping? _____

Any sensitive areas on dog's body? _____

PUP #2

Dog's Name _____

Breed or Mix _____

Sex M / F DOB or Age _____

Neutered/Spayed Y / N At what age? _____

Color _____

Identifying marks _____

How long have you owned dog? _____

Where did you get your dog? _____

If adopted, do you have past history? Y / N

If yes, please describe _____

Health/Grooming

List any Medications _____

Reason for use _____

Dosage Instructions _____

Does your dog have any allergies? Y / N

If yes, please describe _____

Is your dog on flea control? Y / N

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Has your dog been ill in the last 30 days? _____

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PUP #1 HABITS

Has your dog ever attended daycare? Y / N
If so where? _____

How did he react? _____

Has your dog ever been to a dog park? Y / N
How did he react? _____

How does your dog react to the following:

Around strangers in your home _____

Around children _____

Around small dogs or puppies _____

Around large dogs _____

Around delivery persons _____

When you leave the home _____

When you return home _____

On leash on a walk _____

When another dog approaches _____

Off leash or at a dog park _____

Has your dog been to obedience training? Y / N
If so describe _____

How active is your dog? _____

Is your dog frightened by noises? _____

Is there a type of person your dog is afraid of? _____

Has your dog ever growled or snapped at anyone
taking food or toys away? _____

Does your dog exhibit protective behavior? _____

Has your dog ever bitten a person or animal causing
injury or death? _____

Has your dog ever been in a dog fight that ended
with injuries? _____

Does your dog tend to be an escape artist? _____

Has your dog ever tried to climb a 6 ft fence? _____

Does your dog play with toys? _____

Does your dog have a barking problem? _____

Does your dog use his mouth too rough on you or
your family? _____

PUP #2 HABITS

Has your dog ever attended daycare? Y / N
If so where? _____

How did he react? _____

Has your dog ever been to a dog park? Y / N
How did he react? _____

How does your dog react to the following:

Around strangers in your home _____

Around children _____

Around small dogs or puppies _____

Around large dogs _____

Around delivery persons _____

When you leave the home _____

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your family? _____



Health and Temperament Certification

I, _____, hereby certify that my dog(s) _____ is in good health and has not been ill with any communicable condition in the last 30 days.

I further certify that my dog has not harmed or shown aggression or threatening behavior towards any person or any other dog.

Date _____ Signature of Owner _____

Owner's Representations or Exceptions:

Master Services Agreement



THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between Paws Pet Resorts Corporation ("Paws") and _____ ("Owner") and applies to all visits and services for your dog.

Hours of Operation

Owner understands and agrees that Paws Hours of Operation for all services are Monday through Friday 6:30am to 7:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 4:00pm. Late fees of \$1.00 per minute may apply for any dog(s) not picked up by closing time. Owner understands and authorizes that any dog(s) not picked up within 30 minutes of closing time by 7:30pm Mon-Fri and 4:30pm Sat and Sun will be boarded for the night. Owner will reimburse Paws for the minimum boarding charge of \$56.00 per dog plus any additional fees incurred. _____(initial)

Owner understands and agrees that reservations are accepted, but not guaranteed, until verification of available space, current vaccinations, and required paperwork is accepted. If you need to **cancel your reservation**, please do so at least 48 hours prior to arrival date. Paws' reserves the right to charge late cancellation fees. _____(initial)

Payment for Services

Owner understands and agrees to pay the rate for all services in effect on the date the dog(s) is checked into Paws Pet Resorts. Prices are subject to change without notice. _____(initial)

Owner further understands and agrees that the dog shall not leave Paws Pet Resorts until all charges are paid to Paws by Owner and that additional charges will be applied at the daily rate. _____(initial)

Your Representations to Paws About Your Dog(s) Behavior and Health

By signing this contract and the Health and Temperament Certification form, Owner certifies to the accuracy of all information given about said dog(s). _____(initial)

Owner further understands and agrees that in admitting Owner's dog(s) to Paws Pet Resorts, Paws has relied on Owner's representations that Owners' dog(s) is/are in good health and have not harmed, shown aggression, or exhibited any threatening behavior towards any person or other dog. _____(initial)

Dog Play/Doggie DayCamp

The safety and health of your dog and others is our top priority. Dogs eligible for group play must be non-aggressive, spayed/neutered by 7 months of age, up to date on vaccinations, in good physical health, and pass Paws Temperament tests. _____(initial)

Owner understands and agrees that participation in Dog Play/Doggie DayCamp is at the sole discretion of Paws Pet Resorts. Your dog can be removed from group play for any reason. _____(initial)

Owner understands and agrees that their dog(s) may sustain injuries in normal dog play. Dogs play with teeth and nails. All dog play is monitored to limit injuries, but scratches, punctures, torn ligaments, ear injuries, etc. may occur despite the best supervision. _____(initial)

Owner further understands and agrees that neither Paws Pet Resorts, nor any of it's employees, staff, or volunteers, will be liable for any injury, illness, death, and/or escape resulting from dog play providing reasonable care is provided. _____(initial)

In the unlikely event that your dog is injured while at Paws, your dog will be treated as best deemed by the employees, staff, and volunteers of Paws Pet Resorts, in their sole discretion, and Owner agrees to assume full financial responsibility for any and all expenses arising or relating thereto. _____(initial)

Owner further understands and agrees that Owner is solely responsible for any harm caused by Owner's dog(s) to others while Owner's dog(s) is attending Paws Pet Resorts. _____(initial)

Please note that any dog not right for group play, for any reason, may be eligible for supervised 1-1 play with another dog or with humans. Every attempt to find the exercise and play style "right" for your dog will be made.

Dog Health and Behavior

Owner understands and agrees that in the unlikely event that your dog becomes ill or injured, or if your dog has a pre-existing condition, which is aggravated by its stay, and requires medical attention, that Paws will attempt to notify Owner. If we cannot reach Owner or Owner's emergency contact, Paws at its sole discretion, may engage the services of a veterinarian and/or administer medicine as directed by a veterinarian and Owner authorizes Paws to provide such service at Owner's additional expense. _____(initial).

Please make sure your dog is healthy enough for boarding, as Paws staff is NOT medically trained to care for acutely sick dog(s). _____(initial)

Owner understands and agrees that neither Paws nor any of its employees, staff or volunteers, will be liable for any illness, injury, destructive behavior, death, and /or escape of Owner's dog(s) provided that reasonable care and precautions are followed, and Owner hereby releases all of them of any liability of any kind whatsoever arising from or as a result of Owner's dog(s) attending or participating at Paws Pet Resorts. _____(initial)

Owner understands and agrees that if Owner's dog bites another dog or person while at Paws, Owner's dog(s) behavior may be reported by hospital staff or by injured dog's owners under California state and local laws to Animal Control. Owner's dog(s) may be subject to investigation, fines, quarantine, etc... that is completely out of Paw's Pet Resorts authority or control. _____(initial)

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster, every effort will be made to contact you to retrieve your dog. Owner agrees and understands that Paws, at it's sole discretion, is authorized to transport, and /or make temporary alternative arrangements to house and care for Owner's dog until the Owner can retrieve their dog. Owner agrees and understands that it may not be possible to safely evacuate their dog. _____(initial)

Bedding and Toys

Please do NOT bring any item from home that is valuable or irreplaceable. Please do NOT bring any item that your dog is likely to chew or ingest for your dog(s) safety. Owner understands and agrees that Paws is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or destroyed items left with their dog or any dog illness or injury resulting from the destruction of these items. _____(initial)

Food and Medications

Owner understands and agrees that it is the Owner's responsibility to leave an adequate supply of food and medications for Owner's dog during the entire time Owner's dog is cared for by Paws. Should the food/medication supply need replacement, Owner authorizes Paws to purchase replacement food and medicines and Owner will reimburse Paws for cost plus a \$25.00 replacement fee (per occurrence). _____(initials)

Abandoned Dog(s)

Owner understands and agrees that if Owner's dog(s) is/are not picked up by the end of the Paws regular business day, then Owner hereby expressly authorizes Paws to take whatever action is deemed necessary for the continuing care of Owner's dog(s) and Owner agrees and promises to pay to Paws all costs of continuing such care upon demand by Paws. Further, Owner understands that if Owner does not pick up Owner's dog(s) as scheduled, Paws shall be authorized to proceed according to California Civil Code section 1834.5 ("Abandoned animals; disposition; notice"), which section provides as follows:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever any animal is delivered to any veterinarian, dog kennel, cat kennel, pet grooming parlor, animal hospital, or any other animal care facility pursuant to any written or oral agreement entered into after the effective date of this section, and the owner of such animal does not pick up the animal within 14 calendar days after the day time animal was to be picked up, the animal shall be deemed abandoned. The person into whose custody the animal was placed for care shall try first for a period of not less than 10 days to find a new owner for the animal, and, if unable to place the animal with a new owner, shall thereafter humanely destroy the animal so abandoned. There shall be a notice posted in a conspicuous place, or in conspicuous type in a written receipt give, to warn each person depositing an animal at such animal care facilities of the provisions of this section." _____(initial)

Owner further understands and expressly agrees that each and every of the foregoing provisions containing in above paragraphs shall be in force and effect and shall apply to each and every occasion on which Owner boards or deposits Owner's dog(s) with Paws for any service, as the case may be; and that this agreement shall remain in full force and effect as between the parties until and unless otherwise cancelled or superseded by a writing signed by the parties. _____(initial)

Owner hereby certifies that Owner has read and understands these rules and regulations set forth above, and that Owner has read and understands this agreement, and each of its terms and conditions, and agrees to abide and be bound by these rules and regulations.

Owner's Printed Name _____ Owner's Signature _____

Dog(s) Name(s) _____ Date _____