

Kennel Worker Safety Infographic



What you need to know about *Kennel Cough*

What is kennel cough?

"Kennel cough" or "Canine cough" is a general term encompassing a viral or bacterial illness that inflames the windpipe and lungs and causes a cough. The severity and sound of the cough varies by virus and by a dog's overall immune system.

Timeline

2-14 days
incubation period

7-14 days
symptoms usually last

10 days
contagious for after last
clinical symptoms

How is it spread?

The virus spreads just like a human virus—it is an airborne virus and can be spread through coughing, sneezing, and contact of surfaces.

Environmental irritants (like pollen) may increase the likelihood of some dogs developing kennel cough.



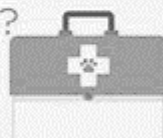
Can I protect my dog?



There is no true protection, just as there isn't with a human cold or flu.

The Bordatella vaccine creates immunity against a few strains, but not all. The Bordatella vaccine will not prevent your dog from catching kennel cough.

How bad is it?



The majority of cases are the equivalent of a cold in a human and don't require any medical intervention or antibiotics. Allowing your pet's body to heal itself naturally is always advisable.

Just as in humans, it can develop into something serious, such as pneumonia. If it doesn't resolve itself within a few weeks, a vet visit is advisable.