

## WHAT IS CANINE COUGH?

Canine Cough, more commonly called Kennel Cough, is not an actual disease but rather a description of symptoms. This diagnosis is essentially an educated guess for any number of virus or bacteria which may cause canine infectious trachea bronchitis – essentially an infection of the windpipe, voice box, and upper respiratory system.

If you have read the prior paragraphs of this brochure carefully you will have discovered that both the Pet Booster (5-way DHLPP) vaccine and the Bordetella vaccine protect against specific viruses or bacteria known to cause Canine Cough symptoms. However, this should not give dog owners a false sense of security. Just like our human flu or common cold there are many known strains of Canine Cough for which no vaccine has been developed. Canine Cough is NOT vaccine preventable. No pet care facility can guarantee against invisible airborne pathogens entirely. The best a public facility can do is to require the available vaccines and maintain a spotlessly clean and well ventilated environment.

Canine Cough is characterized by a persistent and forceful gagging cough which may or may not produce phlegm. Most pets with Canine Cough will continue to eat and drink normally and maintain their usual energy levels. While Canine Cough can sound terrible it is usually not a serious condition. Most dogs will recover from this dog version of the “Common Cold” in just a few weeks.

Because a persistent cough could lead to pneumonia or be a sign of a different underlying disease, we would encourage anyone who thinks their dog has Canine Cough to consult their veterinarian for advice.

The use of antibiotics and cough suppressants can speed recovery and minimize symptoms.

Dogs with Canine Cough would be considered highly infectious and are not permitted to enter our facility until their veterinarian has deemed *them no longer contagious. Fortunately, Canine Cough outbreaks are relatively rare.*

Should a dog begin to show signs of Canine Cough while in our care it will be quarantined away from healthy pets and our veterinarian contacted for further instructions. Pet owners remain responsible for veterinary expenses.

*Trillium Pet Care can  
not accept contagious pets  
for Boarding, Training,  
DayPlay or Grooming!*

### BE ADVISED

**If your dog is very young, advanced in age, or suffers from a compromised immune system; you should take special consideration prior to boarding, grooming, daycare, or upon taking this pet to any place where other dogs frequent. Be sure to ask your veterinarian if care in a public facility is appropriate for your individual dog's health history. Sending your dog to a boarding or grooming facility is exactly like sending your human child to public school. Sometimes, even with the utmost care, illness may occur.**

# Trillium Pet Care



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*Boarding-DayPlay  
Grooming-Training*

### Canine Vaccination Requirements

Trillium Pet Care is a vaccine safe facility. As part of our commitment to provide the best care for your best friend we insist on proof of our required vaccines for dogs.

**RABIES**  
**PET BOOSTER 4/5-WAY (DHPP or DHLPP)**  
**BORDETELLA**  
**CANINE INFLUENZA (CIV)**

Double check your records! Veterinarians only give some of these vaccines by request. Please feel free to contact Trillium in advance of your dog's arrival to assure all requirements have been met!

## **RABIES – REQUIRED**

### **1 year or 3 year**

Rabies is a viral disease which causes acute inflammation of the brain in dogs, cats and other warm-blooded animals; including humans. Rabies is a fatal disease. PA state law requires Trillium to keep proof of rabies vaccination documentation on file. ***We must have a copy of the actual rabies certificate or rabies expiration date on your veterinarian's letterhead.*** Collar tags are not sufficient proof. The initial vaccine is followed with a booster within 1 year. After which this vaccine may be boosted at 1-3 year intervals based on your veterinarian's advice.

## **BORDETELLA – REQUIRED**

### **6 month or 1 year**

The Bordetella vaccination is often called the "Canine Cough" vaccine. It protects against the bacteria Bordetella which has often been a component in Kennel Cough outbreaks. Trillium requires this vaccine of all our clients. Most veterinarians re-boost Bordetella at 1 year intervals. ***Grooming clients and frequent boarding clients are suggested to have this vaccine boosted at a more frequent 6 month interval.***

## **CANINE INFLUENZA (CIV) – REQUIRED**

### **1 year**

Canine Influenza Vaccine is a relatively new immunization on the market. CIV first appeared at racing greyhound tracks in 2004 and its vaccination was approved in 2010. Dogs have no natural immunity to this disease which initially causes Canine Cough symptoms followed by flu like respiratory symptoms. CIV is not transferable to humans. Two initial injections are required – spaced 2-4 weeks apart; followed by annual re-vaccination to assure immunity.

## **PET BOOSTER (DHPP OR DHLPP) - REQUIRED**

### **1 year or 3 year**

Most often referred to as the "5-way" combination vaccine, this immunization provides protection against 4 or 5 different pathogens:

1. Distemper - This disease is highly contagious and fatal much of the time, thus making it the leading cause of infectious disease death in dogs. The virus infects the gastrointestinal tract, respiratory tract, the brain, and spinal cord.
2. Hepatitis/Adenovirus - Adenoviruses are spread directly from dog to dog through infected respiratory secretions or by contact with contaminated feces or urine. They are also one of the causes of infectious trachea bronchitis known as "Canine Cough."
3. Leptospirosis\* – Lepto is most commonly spread by rodent urine. It may cause liver and kidney failure in dogs. Most puppies do not receive Lepto in their initial puppy shot and must be given this vaccine after they reach 12 weeks of age. Humans can contract Lepto. \*Lepto is optional based on your veterinarians recommendation.
4. Parvovirus - Parvo is highly contagious virus and is spread from dog to dog by direct or indirect contact with their feces. Parvo symptoms include lethargy, vomiting, fever, and bloody diarrhea. It is not contagious to humans.
5. Parainfluenza - Canine Parainfluenza virus is a highly contagious respiratory virus and is one of the most common pathogens of infectious trachea bronchitis, also known as "Canine Cough."

The Pet Booster 4 or 5-Way vaccine should be given several times between 7 weeks and 6 months of age. Veterinarians re-vaccinate this combination vaccine at 1-3 year intervals.

## **ABOUT VACCINES**

There are many opinions about vaccinations, yet we recognize immunizations provide the best protection against life threatening illnesses. For the safety of our staff and our guests, Trillium clients are asked to be proactive and certain their pet is properly immunized before drop off or risk being refused entry.

If your veterinarian does not want your pet to receive a specific vaccine we will accept exemption on their letterhead in lieu of the vaccine documentation. We reserve the right to have such medical opinion reviewed by our own veterinarian. Please seek approval from Trillium management prior to arrival!

***For optimum protection any new immunization for your pet should be brought current two weeks prior to care at our pet resort!***

Trillium highly recommends, but does not require: annual fecal exams for intestinal parasites, monthly flea and tick topical, Lyme disease vaccination, and annual Coronavirus immunization. Consult your veterinarian.

For any immunization we must go by the expiration date provided by your veterinarian. If no expiration date is provided it will be assumed to expire 1 year from the date given.

It should be noted that no vaccine is 100% guaranteed to prevent illness.

*This brochure is to be used as a guide and is not intended to supersede the professional advice of your licensed veterinarian. Trillium reserves the right to refuse any pet for any reason, including missing immunizations!*