



Kennel Cough!!

can crop up at any time of year, either in isolated cases or spreading quickly into a potential outbreak. Kennel cough is not serious for most dogs; however, if it is carried into the household of compromised dogs it can be very serious. Compromised dogs include seniors, puppies, bitches in whelp, and dogs with compromised immune systems due to illness or other causes.

We need your help to prevent or reduce the spread of kennel cough!
Thank you for following the guidelines below.

IF YOUR DOG IS SICK or SHOWING SIGNS OF KENNEL COUGH

- 1) If your dog is showing any unusual respiratory signs, keep them and other dogs in the household home. Please do not bring your dog(s) back until at least 2 weeks after you see the last sign of illness or 1 week after you have finished a course of antibiotics from your vet. Respiratory signs include excessive coughing, gagging, wheezing, sneezing, and choking.
- 2) Notify all of your instructors immediately. Your instructor(s) will take steps to notify other appropriate parties.
- 3) If you would like to attend class without your dog(s) to stay current, wear clean clothes and shoes that have not been in contact with your dog. This is often a good option to keep up with class material because you can practice at home. If you choose to stay home you will receive a credit for missed classes.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- 1) Avoid dog to dog contact and the sharing of toys and water bowls. Especially communal ones at parks, shops, and shows.
- 2) If you use DTCCC crates or props such as platforms, bowls, etc - wipe them out with the disinfectant wipes available in the building. Consider bringing your own crates, props, and water bowls to decrease any potential cross contamination.

We all depend on each other to help keep our dogs healthy and safe at our club.

