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Bordetella Brochitis Vaccination

Canine coughing originates from many sources. Many pets develop a harsh, deep cough after changes in the environment. This may be associated with vacations away from home, weather changes, boarding in pet kennels, visits to the dog park, or even a visit to the groomer.

When kenneled away from home, many dogs often do a lot of barking which can cause irritation in the throat making it more susceptible to bronchitis. The normal healthy body is very resistant to infection, but changes resulting from any form of stress can lower the body's resistance to disease allowing bronchitis to develop. There are many causes of bronchitis including allergy, viral, bacterial, and irritation. Many viruses and bacteria can be normal inhabitants of the pet's body causing no problem until stress lowers resistance. Even though our boarding kennel does everything possible to keep your pet healthy, there are some factors, such as stress, that we simply cannot control. Fortunately, there is a vaccine available for one of the major causes of canine coughing, the so-called "kennel cough".

Bordetella bronchiseptica is a highly contagious bacterium that is one of the major causes of the coughing syndrome. **VACCINATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** for all dogs and **REQUIRED** for all dogs that stay in our facility for any reason.

Vaccination is no guarantee that bronchitis will not develop, as there are many causes, but we can greatly reduce the chance of bronchitis through proper vaccination. Should your pet develop a cough after boarding or a visit to the groomer, please schedule an exam with your veterinarian. We do everything humanly possible to insure your pet's environment while away from home is second only to your own home.