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The Kennel Cough Syndrome.

This is a highly contagious illness of dogs, characterized by a dry, hacking cough.

The invading germs cause inflammation/irritation of the upper respiratory tract, by invading the cells that line the throat & trachea.

Kennel Cough (KC) can be caused by viral infections such as

Canine Distemper Virus;

Canine Adenovirus;

Canine Para-influenza Virus

or Canine Respiratory Coronavirus

Bacterial infections;

such as Bordetella bronchiseptica.

The syndrome is so named because, the infection can spread quickly among dogs living together, such as in the close quarters of a kennel, a dog show or exercising in the park.

The viral & bacterial causes of Kennel Cough are spread through the air by infected dogs sneezing or coughing over or near other dogs.

Kennel Cough is also spread through contact with contaminated surfaces (such as the ground, toys or sidewalks & lamp posts).

It is highly contagious even for days and weeks after exposure. If left untreated this disease can progress to pneumonia. If you suspect your dog to have kennel cough it is best to isolate your dog until the cough is completely healed.

Symptoms of kennel cough?

Include a harsh, dry, hacking cough with retching, sneezing, snatching, gagging or vomiting in response to light pressure on the trachea, or after exercise or excitement.

The cough can last for about 10-20 days, but can reoccur when the dog is placed in a stressful situation that puts strain on the immune system.

The phlegm is usually white and bubbly, without blood.

Treatment of kennel cough by a veterinarian is;

Antibiotics to combat any bacterial infections present.

Cough Mixture to suppress the dry cough.

Home treatment

Raw Honey to soothe the throat.

Add one tsp to a cup of warm water.

Offer the honey water many times during the day.

Rooibos tea with honey is also very effective

How to prevent kennel cough.

Prevention of Kennel Cough is best done by vaccination.

Canine Distemper Virus, Canine Adenovirus and Canine Parainfluenza virus are part of the 5-in1 or annual vaccination.

The Bordatella bronchiseptica vaccine can be given into the nose (intranasal) or injected under the skin (subcutaneous injection).

This KC vaccination is also repeated annually.

In kennels, at shows or anywhere dogs congregate, the best prevention is disinfection of cages and surfaces as much as possible.

Most kennels will no longer board animals without proof of up to date vaccination.

Please inquire from your kennels, long before you need to book your dogs in, so that you are not turned away because of expired vaccinations.