

Kennel Cough



Kennel Cough is a respiratory disease that's highly contagious. You may also hear this disease be referred to as canine infectious tracheobronchitis.

The name 'kennel' cough can be misleading - in fact your dog doesn't have to go in kennels to catch the disease.

Dogs can spread the disease through contaminated surfaces, shared food/water bowls, water droplets in the air, coughing and sneezing and direct contact with another dog.

Some owners choose to vaccinate their dogs against Kennel Cough even if they don't go into kennels, as all dogs are at risk of contracting the disease.

The symptoms usually consist of:



A forceful cough that has a honking sound to it. Mild fever. Loss of appetite. Runny nose. Sneezing.

Many kennels / dog day care centres now ask for proof of vaccination against kennel cough.

The vaccine might not entirely prevent your dog from contracting kennel cough however it will prevent them from getting as sick as they would without vaccination. As a live vaccine, the Kennel Cough vaccine can cause a mild cough for a few days after vaccination.

If you wish to discuss the kennel cough vaccine or to make an appointment, please contact your nearest Oakhill Veterinary Centre.

Our 365 Care Plan offers a discount on the kennel cough vaccines. [Click here to find out more.](#)

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