



### **Vaccinations Required**

To help ensure your dogs' good health and in compliance with the animal welfare act, we require that annual vaccinations and kennel cough boosters are up to date prior to delivering our services.

If your dog or puppy has just started their vaccination course, we require that they have the 2nd part of the course a minimum of a week before your start date with us to ensure full protective immunity.

### **What is Kennel Cough?**

Kennel Cough or Infectious Bronchitis is a highly contagious flu-like illness in dogs that affects the respiratory system. The disease is caused by a mixture of viruses and bacteria and can be passed from dog to dog when they come into contact with each other. It is airborne and can be picked up from anywhere, even just a walk in the park. The symptoms can include a dry, hacking cough that may sound like your dog is choking or clearing its throat. Other symptoms include watery eyes, inappetance, sneezing or nasal discharge. Although the worst of the symptoms can be alleviated with a course of antibiotics, the coughing may last for weeks.

You will need to specifically ask your vet to administer the kennel cough vaccine as it is often not routinely administered at the time of your dog's annual booster vaccinations. The kennel cough vaccination is not an injection, it is a tiny amount of liquid that is administered up the nose of your dog. It is a very quick and pain free vaccination and well worth your dog having, even if not going into kennels. Depending on which brand of vaccination your particular veterinary clinic uses, the kennel cough vaccination lasts upto 12 months. A booster is required on or before the day it expires.

If your dog has not had the kennel cough vaccination, or if it has expired, we will require them to have this vaccination at least 2 weeks prior to boarding with us.

### **Documentation Required**

When checking in your dog for daycare or boarding we will ask to see the completed vaccination record card so that we can ensure your dog is up to date with both the routine annual vaccinations and the kennel cough vaccination. Unfortunately, if your dog has not had the required vaccinations, we may not be able to accept him/her for boarding. If these details have already been provided you don't need to worry, we hold them on file and contact you when they are set to expire.