

K9CLUBHOUSE Dog Hotel



K9CLUBHOUSE Dog Hotel Kennel Cough Reimbursement Program.

For **\$3.00 per day**, per dog, while your dog is boarding with us. K9CLUBHOUSE Dog Hotel will pay any veterinary bills and cost of medications incurred because of Kennel Cough. All Veterinary visits must be within 14 days of your dog's departure. All Bordetella vaccinations must be current and administered more than 10 days prior of your dogs stay to qualify. We cannot be held responsible if you OPT OUT or your dog has been vaccinated within the prior 10 days of their stay. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

PLEASE INITIAL ONLY ONE-

I **OPT IN** to the K9CLUBHOUSE Dog Hotel Kennel Cough Reimbursement Program. _____ (Initials)

OR

I **OPT OUT** of the K9CLUBHOUSE Dog Hotel Kennel Cough Reimbursement Program. _____ (Initials)

The medical term for kennel cough is infectious tracheobronchitis, which describes what it is: a highly contagious infection of the upper airways that causes a characteristic and persistent "goose honking" cough, which may be followed by gagging or wrenching. Typically, your dog will start to cough about 5 to 10 days after having been exposed. Because it is so highly contagious, dogs can be exposed in kennels while boarding (hence the name), at the groomers, or in any other area populated by lots of other dogs. There are many causative agents in the kennel cough complex. Bacteria, like *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, and viruses, like parainfluenza and adenovirus, are most often to blame. Kennel cough is transmitted in respiratory excretions, so all of that coughing spreads the organisms quite well.

Usually, cases of kennel cough are mild. So mild, in fact, that many veterinarians don't even prescribe antibiotics for it. Occasionally, when the cough is so bad that it interferes with your dog's eating or sleeping (or your sleeping!), cough suppressants are recommended. The symptoms generally subside on their own in a week or two.

Sadly, however, sometimes kennel cough can be quite serious. In dogs with compromised immune systems and young puppies, kennel cough can turn into life-threatening pneumonia. In these unfortunate instances, animals will need to be hospitalized for treatment with antibiotics, nebulization and fluids.

Vaccines against kennel cough are available and are universally recommended for dogs that go to a groomer or kennel. Though **no vaccine is 100% effective**, the Bordetella, parainfluenza and infectious canine adenovirus vaccines goes a long way in both minimizing the occurrence of disease and the severity of clinical signs if contracted. Most boarding facilities and groomers will require this vaccine before your pet can stay with them. An injectable vaccine and an intranasal vaccine are available, and just be sure to get your pet vaccinated at least ten days prior to his stay for maximum efficacy.

Name of Dog Owner: _____

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

Dog(s) Name(s): _____

Owners Signature: _____

Employee Initials: _____