



A D V A N C E D ANIMAL TAILS

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The staff at Advanced Animal Care Centre is proud to bring back our own newsletter, with articles and helpful information about the state of the art care that we bring to you and your pets every day. So please tell us how you enjoy it...we love client input.

CANINE INFLUENZA

Over the last few years, several new disease patterns and concerns have been the focus of significant attention in veterinary medicine. One of these is feline heartworm disease.



What is Canine Influenza Virus (CIV)?

Canine influenza virus is a rapidly spreading, highly infectious, respiratory disease effecting canines. There are already 30 US states, including Texas, with confirmed cases of CIV.



Which dogs are at risk for CIV?

Since this virus is relatively new, canines have no natural immunity to it. This puts 100% of the canine population at risk for contracting this contagious disease regardless of age or breed. However, certain environments, with close contact of a large population of animals, pose a higher risk for infection such as boarding facilities, dog parks, training classes and grooming salons.



How is CIV spread?

Canine influenza virus can be spread through direct contact, airborne transmission through coughing or sneezing, and contaminated surfaces. Only approximately 80% of dogs infected with CIV will show clinical symptoms. The remaining dogs that do not show signs of this disease, are still capable of spreading the virus.



What are the signs of CIV?

Coughing is the most common sign of CIV. Other symptoms can include, fever, nasal discharge, lethargy, and loss of appetite. Because CIV has symptoms similar to other canine respiratory diseases, a diagnosis is often difficult.



How serious is CIV?

While most cases are usually mild, CIV can progress to become quite serious and need extensive medical treatment. As with all viral illnesses, the virus must run its course. However, supportive therapy can be provided such as hospitalization with IV fluid administration and antibiotics to prevent secondary bacterial infection. A small number of dogs have died from serious complications such as pneumonia.



How can I protect my dog from CIV?

Fortunately, there is now a vaccine available for CIV. The vaccination has been proven to significantly reduce the severity of CIV and the length of illness. After the initial vaccination, a booster is needed 1 month later to ensure efficacy. This vaccine has been integrated into our wellness recommendations for all canines and will be a required vaccination for boarding in our facility.

PET OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Congratulations to Vicki Lee (Owner of Duke, below) for winning the October Pet of the Month competition!



[Click here to enter your pet!](#)

To enter your pet in the running, please send us a favorite picture of your pet by clicking on the above link, with a little information on what makes them so special! Winners will receive a \$10 AACC gift certificate, and photos will be featured in the next month's newsletter.



Duke Lee, having a wonderful time with one of his favorite toys!

COSTUME CONTEST AT BEDFORD PET FAIR NOVEMBER 14, 2009

Join us at the annual Bedford Pet Fair Saturday, November 14th, from 10 am to 2 pm. Each pet that arrives in costume will be entered to win our costume contest, and will have their picture taken for use in our next newsletter. Fair is being held at the Animal Shelter, located at 1809 Reliance Parkway in Bedford. Winners will be announced via mail after the fair.

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