

Orillia Pet's Hospital Statement Regarding Canine Influenza

Here at Orillia Pet Hospital, we have been made aware of confirmed cases of Canine Influenza in our area. We are committed to protecting our patients and our clients and as such, we want to provide you information and update you on what we have done to uphold this commitment.

First, we want to stress that Orillia Pet Hospital has not seen ANY positive cases of canine influenza in our hospital or in any of our patients.

Dogs that have contracted the illness will show signs and symptoms mirroring that of kennel cough. Lethargy, coughing and sneezing, runny eyes and nose and inappetence are things to watch for in your pet.

The patients with the highest risk of infection will be dogs that frequent areas with large numbers of other dogs i.e.; dog parks, kennels/shelters, off leash areas and walking trails.

If your pet is showing ANY of these symptoms, please do not bring them into the clinic without calling us first. We will be conducting screening processes and if your dog is found to be ill, you will be asked to wait in the car until we give you the go ahead to enter the clinic.

If you are concerned about canine influenza or your dog falls into the category of highest risk of infection, Orillia Pet Hospital recommends the canine influenza vaccination. We have this vaccine available to all current patients at a reduced vaccination cost ready to go at any time. The vaccine is highly effective and requires an initial vaccine with a booster in 2-4 weeks.

If you have any questions or would like to book your dog in for the canine influenza vaccination, please call us at 705-325-4224 and we will be happy to help you.

Please visit the Worms and Germs blog, spearheaded by Dr. Bolton's own classmate, Scott Weese, for an excellent source of information and frequent updates on many diseases, including canine influenza.

<https://www.wormsandgermsblog.com/>

Be assured that Orillia Pet Hospital has, and always will, put the needs of our patients first!