

Canine Influenza Virus Alert January 2018

Dog Flu Outbreak



**IF YOUR DOG IS COUGHING, SNEEZING OR HAS DISCHARGE FROM THE NOSE OR EYES –
KEEP YOUR DOG AT HOME**

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO HAVE CONTACT WITH OTHER DOGS. PLEASE CALL YOUR VETERINARIAN FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO EXAMINE AND TREAT YOUR DOG. THERE IS A LAB TEST AVAILABLE FOR THIS UPPER RESPIRATORY DISEASE.

Cases of Canine Influenza Virus (CIV) have been confirmed in the South Bay. CIV is a very contagious disease that is treatable, but may pose a serious health risk to individual dogs. The virus is spread through direct contact with infected dogs or surfaces – including sidewalks, grass, benches, or clothing – that infected dogs have contacted. Dogs at highest risk are those that visit boarding or grooming facilities, or dogs that interact with non-vaccinated dogs.

Symptoms include coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge, loss of appetite, or fever. If your dog is showing any of these symptoms, please call your veterinarian immediately, and DO NOT let your dog interact with other dogs for at least 30 days following onset of symptoms.

There is a vaccination available to protect dogs prior to infection. Please ask us to discuss your pet's risk of exposure and whether vaccination is appropriate for your pet.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US PROTECT ALL OF OUR PETS.