

CANINE COUGH RELEASE FORM

Canine infectious tracheobronchitis is a highly contagious respiratory disease of dogs. Mild to severe episodes of cough and respiratory distress are typical clinical features recognized in affected dogs. Most infections are self-limiting.

The most common cause of canine cough in dogs is *bordetella bronchiseptica*. Clinical signs of canine cough develop within 3-4 days and lasts up to 14 days. The clearance of the bacteria from the respiratory tract may take up to 6-14 weeks.

The single most important factor in reducing the prevalence and severity of infectious respiratory disease is through a comprehensive vaccination protocol.

At the Gardner Animal Care Center we recommend vaccinating against *bordetella bronchiseptica* a minimum of 72 hours prior to kennel stay. There are 3 possibilities that may occur following vaccination:

1. Full protection against *bordetella bronchiseptica*
2. A vaccine induced mild form of canine cough, or
3. A mild case of canine cough due to exposure, however the symptoms are less severe due to the vaccination that was given.

Our kennel requires the vaccinations to be given prior to boarding at the Gardner Animal Care Center.

My pet(s) has been vaccinated less than 72 Hours prior to boarding against *bordetella bronchiseptica* and I understand there is a greater risk of infection.

My pet has been vaccinated more than 72 hours prior to boarding against *bordetella bronchiseptica* and I understand that no vaccine is guaranteed 100%; and that *bordetella* is meant to help prevent against the most common/viruses transmitted between pets; and understanding that *bordetella*, calici virus, rhinotracheitis and panleukopeina aren't only upper respiratory virus infections (URI) that are easily spread by pets in close proximity; and that the transmission of most URI's is often when the pets are not exhibiting signs.

In the event my pet(s) are diagnosed with canine cough after boarding, I acknowledge the Gardner Animal Care Center took the necessary precautions to prevent infection and informed me of the risk of infection. I do, therefore, release the Gardner Animal Care Center from any responsibility.

Signature: _____

Date: _____