



# Canine Cough

## Information Sheet and Waiver

**At The Grinning Dog, we are committed to the well-being of our furry guests. Canine Cough, also known as kennel cough, is a respiratory illness that can affect dogs who come into contact with other dogs. We want to provide you with important information about Canine Cough and kindly request that you read and sign this waiver to indicate your understanding.**

### **About Canine Cough:**

Canine Cough, similar to a chest cold in humans, is highly contagious and can be transmitted through the air or direct contact. It may cause symptoms such as a persistent cough, runny nose, watery eyes, and occasional wretching or gagging. Most dogs recover within one to three weeks, but in some cases, medical intervention may be necessary.

### **Our Prevention Measures:**

To ensure the health and safety of all our guests, we have implemented the following precautions:

1. **Vaccination Requirement:** We require all dogs to be up-to-date on their vaccinations, including the Bordetella vaccine, which offers protection against common strains of Canine Cough. However, please be aware that no vaccine can provide complete immunity.
2. **Cleaning and Sanitization:** We maintain rigorous cleaning protocols to sanitize our facilities and minimize the spread of viruses. Our aim is to create a clean and hygienic environment for all dogs in our care.
3. **Monitoring and Care:** Our staff is trained to observe any signs of illness in dogs and take appropriate action to prevent the spread of infection. If a dog displays symptoms of Canine Cough, owners will be contacted and they will be isolated and cared for until they are picked up or no longer contagious.

## **Understanding the Risks:**

While we strive to create a safe environment, it's important to recognize the following:

1. **Incubation Period:** Canine Cough has an incubation period of two to fourteen days, during which it could be transmissible by dogs who present as asymptomatic. This means that dogs who appear perfectly healthy during their stay with us may still be contagious with one of the viruses that causes a cough.
2. **Vaccination Limitations:** Although the Bordetella vaccine is effective against common strains, it may not provide full protection against all variants of Canine Cough. Vaccinated dogs can still contract the illness, usually in milder form.
3. **Transmission Sources:** Canine Cough can be contracted in various settings where dogs come into close proximity, including kennels, dog parks, walks, or social interactions.

## **Waiver of Liability:**

By signing this waiver, you acknowledge and accept the following:

1. **Risk Awareness:** You understand that despite our best efforts, there is a risk of your dog being exposed to Canine Cough while staying at our facility.
2. **Vaccination Confirmation:** You confirm that your dog has been properly vaccinated, including the Bordetella vaccine, and understand its limitations. If your veterinarian chooses not to vaccinate, we have been provided with relevant documentation.
3. **Release of Liability:** You release The Grinning Dog from any liability related to suspected Canine Cough or respiratory infections that your dog may contract while in our care.

By signing below, you indicate that you have read and understood the information provided regarding Canine Cough and agree to the terms of this waiver.

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Client's Signature: & Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for taking the time to read and complete this Canine Cough Information Sheet and Waiver. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.**