

## Edgewood Veterinary Tips by Dr. Kristy McCamy

## **Kennel Cough**

Kennel cough is an extremely contagious infection that can be either viral and/or bacterial, and it causes a hacking cough in dogs. It is so contagious that dogs can even get it just from coming in contact with each other at the dog park. Although kennel cough is really a name given to different infections that can cause a dog's trachea and windpipe to restrict, humans can think of the illness as being one akin to bronchitis or a chest cold in humans. Most of the time, kennel cough symptoms should be isolated from other dogs. There is a vaccine for kennel cough.

Patients with kennel cough usually act fine as far as activity levels, appetite, and general attitude. The cough produced can be harsh, dry and can also be quite loud and forceful. We recommend that you have regular check-ups so that we can keep your pet healthy. Give us a call at **530.885.1919**. We are truly dedicated to the healthcare of animals. We treat your animal as if it were our own. *Consider joining our family*.

P.S. Kennel cough can turn into deadly pneumonia.



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