



## Don't Wait. Vaccinate!

To protect your pet,  
talk to your vet.

Your veterinarian is the best source of information regarding the health of your dog. Please contact your veterinarian immediately if your dog coughs or shows other signs of respiratory disease.



## What are the clinical signs of dog flu?

Most cases of dog flu are mild. However, up to 20% of infected dogs will have moderate to severe illness.

### The common clinical signs of dog flu are

- Coughing and retching
- Sneezing
- Nasal and/or ocular discharge
- Decreased appetite
- Lethargy

In some cases, dogs may run a fever and demonstrate signs of depression. High fever and pneumonia may be seen in more severe cases. These clinical signs can last from a few days to several weeks depending on the severity of the disease.

For more information, please visit  
[www.dogflu.com](http://www.dogflu.com).

## Information about DOG FLU



## What is dog flu?

Dog flu is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by canine influenza virus (CIV). There are currently 2 strains of CIV in the United States:

1. **CIV H3N8** - first reported in greyhounds in 2003. Since then, CIV H3N8 has spread to at least 43 states. This virus is of equine origin and can be difficult to diagnose.
2. **CIV H3N2** - recently found in the United States. This virus is of avian origin and has spread to at least 31 states as of June 2017.

Most unvaccinated dogs are susceptible to infection by both viruses. Neither virus is infectious to humans, but as with human influenza, the best protection against dog flu is vaccination. It's also important to note that dog flu is not seasonal like the human flu.

## Are certain dogs at greater risk for infection?

Any dog can be at risk for dog flu regardless of age, sex, or breed. However, certain activities can raise your dog's risk of infection. Answer the risk assessment questions in this brochure to determine whether your dog might be at a higher risk!



## How is dog flu spread?

Dog flu spreads the same way as the common cold in humans.

Dog flu viruses are most commonly spread through direct dog contact (sniffing, licking, nuzzling); through the air (coughing and sneezing); via contaminated surfaces (sharing water bowls or toys); or through contaminated humans (with viruses on their hands or clothing).



Direct **contact**



**Cough** or **sneeze**



**Contaminated**  
hands, clothing, or  
other surfaces



## Where could my dog catch dog flu?

The more your dog socializes with other dogs, the higher the risk of contracting dog flu and other infectious respiratory diseases.

## Quickly assess your dog's risk

### Does your dog:

- Visit doggie day care?
- Board at a boarding facility or pet hotel?
- Attend training classes?
- Play at dog parks?
- Participate in dog-friendly events?
- Attend dog shows or sporting events?
- Visit a groomer or the local pet store?
- Often greet other dogs during walks?

### IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO ONE OR MORE OF THESE QUESTIONS,

your dog is at a higher risk for dog flu and other respiratory diseases. Please ask your veterinarian about preventive measures and vaccination against dog flu and other respiratory diseases.