



Canine Infectious Tracheobronchitis Policy

Canine infectious tracheobronchitis is a highly contagious respiratory disease in dogs. Mild to severe episodes of cough and respiratory distress are typical clinical features 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 last up to **14 days**. Clearance of the bacteria from the respiratory tract may take **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 **Down Home Dog Resort & Training**, we **recommend** vaccinating against **Bordetella bronchiseptica** a minimum of **72 hours prior** to a kennel stay. There are **three possible outcomes** following vaccination:

1. **Full protection** against Bordetella bronchiseptica.
2. A **vaccine-induced mild form** of canine cough.
3. A **mild case of canine cough** due to exposure; however, symptoms are **less severe** due to prior vaccination.

Our kennel **requires** the **Bordetella vaccination** to be administered **prior to Boarding/Playcare** at **Down Home Dog Resort & Training**.

Owner Acknowledgment

My pet(s) was vaccinated **LESS than 72 hours prior to Boarding/Playcare** against Bordetella bronchiseptica, and I understand there is a **greater risk of infection**.

OR

My pet(s) was vaccinated MORE than 72 hours prior to Boarding/Playcare against Bordetella bronchiseptica, and I understand that:

- No vaccine is **100% guaranteed**.
 - The Bordetella vaccine helps prevent the **most common respiratory viruses** transmitted between pets.
 - Other upper respiratory infections (**Calicivirus, Rhinotracheitis, Panleukopenia**) can also spread easily in close proximity.
 - Transmission of most upper respiratory infections (**URI's**) often occurs **before pets show symptoms**.
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Liability Release

In the event my pet(s) is diagnosed with **canine cough** after Boarding/Playcare, I acknowledge that **Down Home Dog Resort & Training** took the **necessary precautions** to prevent infection and informed me of the **risk of infection**. I do, therefore, **release Down Home Dog Resort & Training from any responsibility**.