

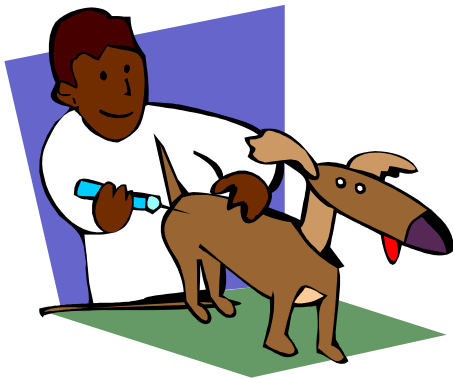
Puppy Love

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Oh, no! It's the FLU!



Canine influenza is a new infectious disease that was first reported in Florida in 2003 and has now spread to 30 states in the U.S. It is a strain of the influenza A virus known as H3N8. Canine influenza only affects dogs.

This disease is highly contagious and 100% of all dogs are susceptible to this influenza infection. About 80% of dogs will show signs of infection, while the remaining 20% will not show any signs of the disease, but will still be carriers and spread the virus to other dogs.

Canine influenza is a respiratory illness that is usually mild in most dogs but can become quite serious for others resulting in high fevers and even pneumonia. A small number of dogs have even died from canine influenza.

Symptoms of canine influenza include a low-grade fever, nasal discharge, lack of energy, loss of appetite, and a cough that can last as long as a month. It is difficult to get a confirmed diagnosis for canine influenza because there is a very short period of time during the illness that laboratory tests can produce accurate results. There is no specific treatment for canine influenza and it can become more complicated with secondary bacterial infections.

There is a new canine influenza vaccination available for dogs. Ask your veterinarian if this vaccination is right for your little doxie. Also, you can obtain more information on the website: doginfluenza.com

Annual Wienerschnitzel

Throughout the year there are dachshund "races" held throughout the country that culminate in the national championship held in San Diego. All of the proceeds from this whimsical race are donated to various charities. If you love doxies you'll love the races and its festivities. Just go on youtube.com and plug in *wienerschnitzel race*, or something similar and you will bring up a host of fun stuff. It is guaranteed to make you smile and may even give you a few laughs.



Doxies ~ you gotta love 'em!



Anna Louise with her new "brother" Harlow.
This little guy joined his new family in February.