

DTCCC members and anyone bringing a dog into the DTCCC facility,

It has been brought to our attention that there has been a recent outbreak of kennel cough in our area. As a result, I think it's time to remind everyone of the club's policy concerning kennel cough and other contagions. The policy is posted in the club.

Kennel cough is easily contracted and does not require dog to dog contact for transfer. We need to be cautious and aware if any dogs with access to our building come down with kennel cough, canine flu, or other contagious diseases. Reporting any occurrences to your instructor or a DTCCC board member and keeping dogs who may have been exposed to or are already demonstrating symptoms at home is critical.

The board of directors has adopted the following procedures:

1. Should your dog show any symptoms of kennel cough, or any contagious disease or condition, **DO NOT bring your dog to class.**

Notify a member of the board or your instructor immediately if your dog comes down with kennel cough, the flu or other contagious disease.

2. Keep any infected dog or dogs out of the building for at least **one-week after all symptoms have passed.**

3. **Incubation period for KC from time of exposure can be up to 14 days.** As a precaution, any dog who has come into contact with an infected dog(s) either directly (another dog in your family), or in proximity of an infected dog such as in a daycare, boarding kennel or class environment etc, should not be brought to the Training Center for **14 days** from date of latest exposure.

4. A quarantine period (of 3 or 4 days) is also recommended for dogs that receive the bordetella vaccine, as live virus can be shed for several days after the vaccination.

Thank you very much for your attention to this issue and for your assistance in helping us keep all the dogs that access our facility safe and healthy.

DTCCC Board of Directors