Dogs can suffer from a variety of respiratory illnesses including Kennel Cough, Dog Flu and more. These respiratory viruses are highly contagious and can spread easily among dogs (and sometimes to cats). They can lead to pneumonia and in some cases, can be fatal.

**Should My Dog Be Vaccinated?**

Vaccines can generally protect your dog from many respiratory viruses. Your veterinarian can best advise you about vaccinations for your dog based on your dog’s age, health and lifestyle. Vaccines for Kennel Cough and the Dog Flu are usually appropriate if your dog is highly social or visits places such as:

- Boarding kennels
- Dog beaches and parks
- Dog day care
- Groomers
- Dog shows
- Elevators, hallways and stairwells of multi-dog buildings

**Symptoms**

- Coughing
- Discharge from the nose or eyes
- Fever
- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite

If your dog (or cat) shows symptoms of any respiratory illness, **isolate them from other pets** and **contact your veterinarian**. Dogs suffering from the Dog Flu generally require medical care and may require hospitalization.