

## **Cowlam Kennels Vaccination Requirements**

**A CURRENT VACCINATION CERTIFICATE INCLUDING KENNEL COUGH  
MUST BE PROVIDED ON ADMISSION**

### **Vaccinations Required**

To help ensure your dogs' good health and in compliance with the animal boarding act during their stay we do require that annual vaccinations and kennel cough vaccinations are up to date and that these vaccinations do not expire whilst boarding with us. Please contact your vet to ensure that this is the case.

If your dog or puppy has just started their vaccination course, we require that they have the 2nd part of the course a minimum of a week before boarding with us to ensure full protective immunity.

### **Kennel Cough Vaccination**

Kennel Cough or Infectious Bronchitis is a highly contagious flu-like illness in dogs that affects the respiratory system. The disease is caused by a mixture of viruses and bacteria and can be passed from dog to dog anywhere where they come into contact with each other – at dog shows, in kennels or just on a walk in the park. The symptoms can include a dry, hacking cough that may sound like your dogs is choking or clearing its throat. Other symptoms include watery eyes, inappetance, sneezing or nasal discharge. Although the worst of the symptoms can be alleviated with a course of antibiotics, the coughing may last for weeks.

You will need to specifically ask your vet to administer the kennel cough vaccine as it is often not routinely administered at the time of your dog's annual booster vaccinations. The kennel cough vaccination is not an injection, it is a tiny amount of liquid that is administered up the nose of your dog. It is a very quick and pain free vaccination and well worth your dog having, even if not going into kennels. Depending on which brand of vaccination your particular veterinary clinic uses, the kennel cough vaccination lasts upto 12 months. A booster is required on or before the day it expires.

If your dog has not had the kennel cough vaccination, or if it has expired, we require them to have this vaccination at least 2 weeks prior to boarding with us.

### **Documentation Required**

When checking in your dog for boarding we will ask to see the completed vaccination record card so that we can ensure your dog is up to date with both the routine annual vaccinations and the kennel cough vaccination. Unfortunately, if your dog has not had the required vaccinations, we may not be able accept him/her for boarding.