



**Tail Country Pet Resort, LLC**  
**Policies for Contagious Illnesses: Canine Cough – Canine Influenza**

**The Bordetella Vaccine is a required vaccination** that helps to protect your dog against **Canine Cough**, however, much like the flu vaccine for people, the Bordetella vaccine does not protect them against ALL strains of canine cough. Canine Cough is similar to a human cold and is just as contagious. Please make sure your dog's Bordetella vaccine is up to date. DO NOT bring your dog into the facility if he/she is coughing, sneezing or shows signs of being ill.

Due to our changing society, more and more, people are socializing and interacting their dogs with other dogs. Dogs can get canine cough or canine influenza in any area where dogs frequent, i.e. the vet, dog parks, dog daycare, group training, boarding, or on your daily walk. It is contagious in the same way as a human cold because it is an airborne virus. Coughing in dogs is a unique sound, it sounds similar to them trying to vomit or the sound of a goose. Generally, our dogs fight off this virus, quite well, and do not require veterinary attention. Similar to humans, contraction of the virus after exposure depends on many different factors such as stress level, vaccination status, and the strength of the individual's immune system.

**The Canine Influenza is not a required vaccination but is highly recommended.** Canine Influenza is a relatively new virus and is highly contagious and easily spread from infected dogs to other dogs. Due to the fact a dog is contagious before they show any symptoms, it makes the virus hard to contain. Symptoms include, but not limited to, sneezing, coughing, lethargy, and loss of appetite. Like the human flu vaccine, the new **Canine Influenza Vaccine** doesn't completely prevent infection. However, it can dramatically reduce the severity of the disease and reduces the amount of the virus that dogs shed, decreasing the risk to other dogs.

We treat each of our Tail Country Pet Resort guests as family. We are pet care professionals that take care of many dogs at once and need to be aware of their safety and welfare. We want to inform and share with you how we handle contagious illnesses for the dogs in our care. In March of 2020 we installed the **AERAPY/PetAirapy UV sanitizing System**. **AERAPY/PetAirapy** is an air purification system that cleans and sanitizes the air to help eliminate airborne pathogens that can cause diseases. Pets in our care breath clean, purified air to keep them healthier and happier.

If your dog has symptoms of a contagious illness (coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, eye or nose discharge, fever, viral warts etc.) he/she cannot attend daycare, training classes or be a boarding guest. Please check with your veterinarian regarding the duration of his/her illness and when they will no longer be contagious. Much like kids in school, if your dog exhibits any symptoms of a contagious illness during their time in daycare, you will be required to pick your pup up within a reasonable time frame to avoid exposure to our other guests. In the meantime, your dog will be kept comfortable in our isolation room.

Overnight guests must have a local emergency contact who can pick up your dog. While waiting for your dog to be picked up, they will be kept comfortable in our isolation room. If unable to reach your emergency contact, your dog will be transported to the nearest veterinarian that is able to quarantine your dog at your expense.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We will do everything within our power to keep your dog healthy during their stay with us. We want you to know that we care deeply for each and every guest and providing the best care possible is our top priority.

I have read the above and will comply with Tail Country Pet Resort Contagious Illness Policy.

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(Dog Owner's Signature)

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Dog's Name

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Date

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