## **Vaccination Prior to Kennels**

Canine parvovirus and kennel cough are highly infectious. Your dog needs to be up to date with vaccinations before going into boarding kennels. The main vaccines of concern are canine cough and parvo virus (DHPPi). Canine cough (or Kennel Cough) is generally a mild disease. However, it is very infectious to other dogs and may cause your dog to cough for some time. A related bacteria in people -Whooping Cough - is called "the cough of a 100 nights" - not what you want your dog to have.



Kennel Cough can be prevented (or at least the severity of the disease reduced) by vaccination. This can be part of annual vaccines, or an intranasal vaccine can be used which can work in as short a time as 3 days. We would prefer to allow 2 weeks before going to kennels.

Parvovirus is another disease which is more common where dogs congregate. The vaccine for this is excellent. Nobivac DHPPi, the vaccine we use gives excellent immunity for up to 3 years. We boost this vaccine every 2 years to make sure that dogs are still immune even if late for vaccination.

So check your vaccination book, or call us if you are not sure if your dog is up to date with vaccinations.

