

Rover Come Over Doggy Daycare Health Bulletin - October 2017



IMPORTANT: DOG FLU ALERT

A local daycare facility along with local veterinarians have reported multiple confirmed cases of canine influenza in the Toledo area.

If your dog is showing any of the following symptoms, please seek veterinary care **immediately**:

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Variable fever
- Clear nasal discharge that progresses to thick, yellowish-green mucus
- Rapid/difficult breathing
- Loss of appetite
- Lethargy



During previous outbreaks, Rover Come Over implemented stringent protocols and procedures in order to minimize the risks of infection to our dogs. The protocols have proven highly effective in protecting our Rover dogs. ***We also highly recommend that vaccinating your dog against the H3N8 and/or H3N2 virus*** that has spread throughout several major cities in the past couple of years. Information regarding these vaccines is posted on our website and of course, your veterinarian can further advise you.

We urge you to discuss available canine flu vaccinations with your vet. It's important that you inform your vet that your dog attends daycare and he or she can advise how to best protect your dog. Given last year's outbreak peaked in the spring months, it's important you act now to minimize risks.

The seriousness and numbers of cases involved in the outbreak warrant extra precautionary measures at Rover Come Over.

While it has always been our practice not to accept dogs from out of town, we ask for your help in ensuring our dogs are not exposed to potential cases of the flu. Accordingly, please review the guidelines below.

We know our customers understand that the health and well-being of all of our Rover dogs is a top priority and we thank you in advance for your compliance and assistance in keeping a healthy daycare environment.

Please do not bring your dog to Rover for at least three (3) weeks if any of the following apply:

- If your dog has been out of town in the past three (3) weeks
- If you have had family or company staying with you from out of town and they have brought their dog with them
- If your dog has had any other exposure to any dog from out of town, including turnpike doggy rest-stops, kennels, dog parks, etc.
- If you have multiple dogs and one dog is displaying flu symptoms, the other dogs in the household will not be permitted to attend daycare or boarding at Rover
- If your dog has been to the Toledo dog park, daycare or any other local boarding facility

For more information including useful links please visit

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