



To Our Haven Pack:

We have consulted with several area veterinarians, including our contact (a specialist) at GVS Blue Pearl. They have helped us understand the strain of the influenza virus that is causing such great concern.

It has been determined that the strain of Canine influenza virus that was detected last week is the new strain (**H3N2**). The influenza vaccine that is currently available protects against the **H3N8** strain of the virus. *It is not known at this time if this vaccine has any efficacy against the H3N2 strain.*

Some recommendations we received suggest that if there is a possibility the existing vaccine could lessen the effects of the new strain, it would be prudent to consider. Based on these conversations, **we are recommending the influenza vaccination, although we will not require it at this time if your veterinarian feels differently.** It does require a booster three weeks after the initial vaccine.

We were relieved to hear, although veterinarians are anxious for a vaccine to protect against this particular strain, most cases run their course. It is always important to contact your vet if you have any concerns or believe your dog is exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

- Soft, moist cough or dry cough (honking)
- Sneezing and or discharge from the nose or eyes
- Lethargy
- Reduced appetite
- Fever

BORDETELLA REQUIREMENT CHANGE

Beginning July 1, 2015 we will be requiring the Bordetella Booster every 6 months. If your vet administers the Bordetella injection it must be given a minimum of 7 days prior to services at Haven. If your vet administers the Bordetella intranasal spray, it must be given a minimum of 3 days prior to services at Haven.

If your dog exhibits any coughing, they must refrain from attending Haven for at least 14 days after coughing has resolved.

We at Haven ask for you to be diligent in the above request. It is important in maintaining the healthy environment that we work so hard to maintain.

Haven has excellent infection control procedures in place, providing a healthy and stimulating environment for all our guests. We utilize hospital grade sanitizing agents safe for dogs, ultra-violet technology and have fresh air cycled through our facility every hour in order to provide the safest environment possible in a pack setting.

We hope this email has been both informative and gives you some peace of mind while entrusting your furry family member to us.

We appreciate each of you and will always be available for any questions or concerns.

Warm Hearts and Wet Noses,

Barbara