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## VET'S TIP—Kennel Cough

Kennel cough is an extremely contagious disease of the respiratory system which affects dogs of all ages.

The disease is caused by a mixture of viruses and bacteria, which spread easily wherever dogs congregate. This can be in boarding kennels, dog shows, training classes, or simply out on walks.



Symptoms include a harsh dry cough, which may cause retching – it may even sound like the dog is choking: tiredness, loss of appetite and a mildly raised temperature. Very occasionally, the disease can progress to pneumonia.

Kennel cough can be treated with cough suppressants and antibiotics but of course it is far better that it is prevented by ensuring your dog has had the kennel cough vaccine. The vaccine (squirted into the nose) should have been administered within the last year otherwise they are at risk of catching this very unpleasant and sometimes lifethreatening disease.

If you do notice any of these symptoms, contact your vet immediately.

