



KAREN'S *K9* CARE Newsletter

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The Animals Say "Thank You"

Thank you to all our clients who supported our efforts in helping the animals affected by Hurricane Katrina. Many dog and cat supplies were donated to a needy animal shelter in the Gulf Coast and generously shipped free of charge by the Transitsystems Company. In addition to donated supplies, generous monetary contributions made it possible for us to donate \$1000 to Noah's Wish relief efforts. Established in March 2002, Noah's Wish is an organization that helps animals affected by natural disasters such as earthquakes, fires, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes.

As of September 21st, over 700 animals were being cared for by Noah's Wish in a temporary shelter in Louisiana. Noah's Wish, in conjunction with Cape May Box Company and NBC News *Today*, is assembling and distributing dog houses to needy families and displaced dogs.

"We are delighted that NBC News has selected Noah's Wish to participate in this event and to help raise awareness of our efforts to rescue and shelter animals affected in the aftermath of Katrina," said Terri Crisp, Founder & Director of Noah's Wish. "On behalf of the hundreds of dogs in our shelter who will benefit from the generosity and kindness of Cape May Box Company, we say thank you!"

Those interested in contributing additional funds to the doghouse drive can visit: www.noahswish.org/doghouse.htm.

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Mon - Fri: 6:15 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
(No Daycare on Sundays)

We are closed on all major holidays, and hours the day before and after a holiday are subject to change.

10% OFF

Grooming Service

Bring this coupon to your appointment. (First time dogs only.)

Fall Dogs

Photo Album

Aaahh...fall. Cooler weather and lots of time for lazing about and playing with friends. Look to see if your dog made this season's cameos!



Pugs: Multum in Parvo

(A lot in a small package)

This compact breed will win you over with their pushed-in wrinkled face. However, don't be fooled by their innocent look because they are a bit mischievous and like to play around. The pug originated in China, but was smuggled out of the country and became popular among royalty in Europe. Although this breed acts tough, they do need to avoid extreme heat and cold. Also avoid over exertion, but exercise is a must because they can gain weight easily. With their flat face comes a shortened nasal passage, which leads to snoring and snorting. Pugs are great companions and will seek that attention from their owners. They get along with children and other pets.

Karen's K-9 Pugs:

Raider Tak, Bogey Francis, Pacino Stagloff, Rudi Ruhl, Otis Wetten, Anna Banana & Pugsly James Johannsen, Gus & Rex Rubenstein, Rudy Spitko, and Otis Laird.

THE PUG: QUICKFACTS

Group: Toy (AKC), Companion breed (UKC)

Height: 10 to 11 inches

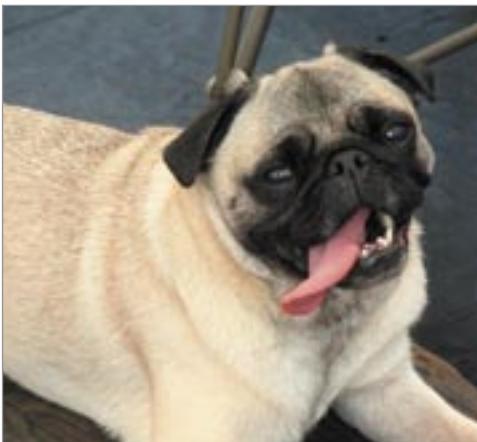
Weight: 14 to 18 pounds

Color: Silver, Apricot-fawn, Black

Coat: Fine, Smooth and Short

Grooming: Brush weekly, clean nose fold daily

Activity Level: Moderate



Ask the Doc

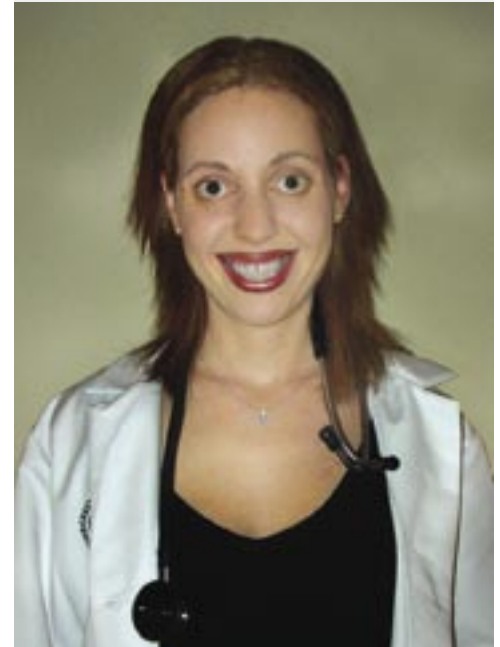
Facts about Canine Influenza

by Wendy Zimmerman DVM

Canine Influenza, a contagious respiratory disease, mirrors the clinical signs of kennel cough (*Bordetella*). Clinical signs include sneezing, persistent coughing, nasal discharge and low-grade fever. In a small percent of cases, more severe symptoms such as high fever, difficulty breathing, and other signs of pneumonia have been reported. Most cases of Canine Influenza are treatable. This virus is most likely to be transmitted by an infected dog sneezing on an uninfected dog or in their environment. The chances of exposure are highest in places where multiple dogs are housed together.

As with any other potentially communicable disease, exercising a few common-sense precautions can help to prevent the spread of Canine Influenza. You do not need to avoid kennels, dog parks, and grooming facilities entirely but you should use facilities that are well known to you. It is also a good idea to contact the facilities you take your pets to in advance to ask about any recent occurrences of respiratory illnesses and avoid the places that have had high rates of documented cases. If your pet is exhibiting any signs of respiratory illness, you should contact your local veterinarian immediately as they are best qualified to make a diagnosis and prescribe an appropriate treatment plan.

Since this is a new virus, veterinarians and researchers still have a lot to learn regarding treatment and prevention. Although you should be educated on this topic, you should not panic. Taking precautions and seeking veterinary care at the first signs of respiratory illness are the best ways to keep your pet healthy and safe. If you would like to learn more about Canine Influenza or if you have any questions regarding this topic, please feel free to contact me at (484)342-0505 or e-mail me at wdzvet@yahoo.com.



DR. WENDY ZIMMERMAN

is the founder and owner of Door to Door Pet Doctor. Door to Door Pet Doctor is a house-call veterinary practice serving Montgomery, Chester, Bucks and Delaware counties. Door to Door Pet Doctor provides quality veterinary care in the comfort of your home at reasonable prices. The mission of Door to Door Pet Doctor is to give you and your pet the time, attention, and care expected for any important family member in your home, which makes the experience for your pet a lot less stressful than going to the vet. Please call Dr. Wendy at 484-342-0505 or e-mail her at wdzvet@yahoo.com to set up an appointment or to request more detailed information. Dr. Wendy looks forward to hearing from you soon!!!

Happy Birthday!

October

Cooper Foy, Dunkin Klages, Molly Hulton, Kaiser Truskey, Parker Rinaudo, Denver Lazzarotti, Tasha Izzo, Ernie Bresler, Gallagher Ninnis, Guinness Rowe, Guinness Bogan, Molly Richards, Lexi Gdowik, Gunny Wendig, Chester Gerrish, Wyatt Schultz, Bean Gibson, Lexee Fuydal, Snoopy Imes, Malik Raymond, Bailey Rodgers, Pete Davis, Jake Torna, Joy Flack, Philly Young, Seven Uhlenbrock, Bruno Distefano, Ollie Matzdorff, Bo Bois, Truman Malcolm, Brodie Sylk, Duke Lauer, Wally Lipschitz, Jack Scamuffa, Juno Mallon, Brody Snyder, Cooper Kane, Buddy Rodriguez, Chester Schmuhl, Jack & Ginger Fifer, Sierra Melia, Spike Cesario, Chico Membrino, Simba Moore, Angel Ramondo, Buster Maple, Zoe Schnatz, Klondike Wildenstein, Oscar Tashie.

November

Jesse James Legg, Zeus Mescher, Abby Ruthkosky, Midnight Maclaren, Tes Beidleman, Chloe Turansky, Chuck Peterson, Cinnamon Larson, Buddy Sulpizi, Chloe Morris, Happy Lange, Charlie Stanfield, Bucca Beyer, Emmy Horn, Etta Rullo, Bogey Francis, Macy & Ellie Magee, Nanuq Wielgus, Maggie Wintersteen, Scratchy Abate, Molly Goldberg, Morgan Tuttle, Elizabeth Tezla, Willy Shim, Kody Bear Wolenski, Kaya Kane, Kiley Comsikey, Leyna Ottersen, Lexi Donatoni, Mia Paugh, Molly Carton, Molly Coughy, Sophie Stulak, Montana Timmerman, Mika Smyth, Moose Frazier, Maggie Davis, Sophie Fosbenner, Tar Baby Wyman, Tyler Lutter, Zoe Patarcity, Layla Susi, Joe Brooks, Cabela Reynolds, Franky Mylonas, Sally Enoch, Hershey Tardif, Parker Yankelevich, Bryar Jackson, Buddy Mazzio, Tiller Kirkland.

December

Trooper Hendricks, Bailey Neill, Simon Burk, Brisco Woodfield, Jasmine Cushman, Tucker Naylor, Baxter Walton, Tosh McHugh, Fay Fiorella, Molly Simpson, Casey Carlin, Jerry Barsky, Rugger Ievers, Louie Kofroth, Bandit Nace, Brinkley Johnson, Abby Camp, Buck Ciccarelli, Allie Brittain, Cubby Winkelvoss, Lizzie Werry, Maya Timmerman, Moustache Ricker, Oakley Carter, Tyson Yanchek, Chip Burton, Bosco Frees, Trevor Holsten, Sam Roberts, Jesse Smith.

If your dog's name is missing, please let us know when his/her birthday is.

DON'T FORGET!

2005 DOG LICENSE

All dogs must have a current dog license (PA state law). We sell Montgomery and Chester County dog licenses.

ID TAGS

Please have a current license and an ID tag on your dog's collar at all times.

VACCINATIONS

We don't want any sick pups, so make sure you get your dog vaccinated and bring us a copy of the records!