
SAMARKAND KENNELS

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*****Please read and initial each section*****

Boarders must sign and date each stay. Daycare contracts will be valid for 1 year requiring renewal each January.

Emergency medical care: If, in our judgement, your dog/cat requires immediate medical care and we are unable to reach you, we will take your dog/cat to a veterinarian or animal hospital. We will always try to contact your veterinarian first, but if they are unavailable MSU small animal clinic will be the facility of choice.

(Initials)_____ By initialing here, you agree to be solely responsible for the payment of all medical bills for your dog/cat and release Samarkand Kennels, it's officers, directors, agents, volunteers, and employees of and from any and all responsibility for, claims, damages, debts, arising out of or related to such medical care, including, but not limited to, transportation to/from the veterinary clinic and choice of veterinarian and animal hospital.

_____ Samarkand Kennels reserves the right to immediately change your dog's type of boarding/daycare if we believe it is necessary to protect the health and well- being of your dog/cat, other dogs/cats, and our staff.

_____ All dogs/cats must be healthy and current on all vaccinations. You will be required to provide documentation of vaccine records from your veterinarian prior to boarding or starting daycare to ensure your dog's/cat's safety as well as that of our current boarding and daycare clients.

_____ If your dog/cat is exhibiting any symptoms that may suggest illness such as sneezing, coughing, wheezing, runny eyes or nose, vomiting, lethargy, or diarrhea, please do not bring your dog/cat to daycare or boarding.

_____ I acknowledge and understand that there are certain risks involved in daycare and boarding, including but not limited to dog fights, dog bites to humans and other dogs, and the transmission of disease. Any medical expenses will be my responsibility and I release Samarkand Kennels of any charges.

_____ I have received, read, and understand the information provided in the flyer regarding "Kennel Cough".

_____ The house brand of dog food is Purina One Lamb and Rice, or Iams Minichunks. Changing a dog's food can cause upset stomach and diarrhea. Owners are welcomed and encouraged to bring their dog's food from home. Owners are welcome to bring bedding and toys from home if desired. However, we cannot guarantee they will be returned in the same condition. All beds should have a removable machine washable cover.

_____ All charges must be paid in full upon picking up your dog/cat. We accept Visa, Master card, American Express, Discover, cash or check (please note there is a \$25 returned check fee).

By submitting this form,

a. _____ You indicate your agreement with all the terms listed herein.

b. _____ You release, indemnify, and agree to hold Samarkand Kennels harmless from any and all manner of damages, claims, loss, liabilities, costs or expenses, causes of actions or suits, whatsoever in law or equity, (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and related costs) arising out of or related to the services provided by Samarkand Kennels, except which may arise from the sole gross negligence or intentional and willful misconduct of Samarkand Kennels, including, without limitation, (i) any inaccuracy in any statement made by yourself or information provided by you to Samarkand Kennels, (ii) your dog/cat, including but not limited to destruction of property, dog bites, injury, or transmission of disease, and (iii) any action by yourself which is in breach of the terms and conditions of this agreement.

c. _____ This agreement covers the current relationship between Samarkand Kennels and yourself. Each time you bring your dog/cat to Samarkand Kennels, you affirm the terms of this agreement, and the truthfulness and accuracy of all statements you make in this agreement.

Signature _____

Date _____



One of the public relations problems for boarding kennels today is caused by a much misunderstood disease in dogs called "canine cough," tracheobronchitis, or often improperly referred to as "kennel cough." As a dog owner you should be aware of some of the facts about this disease.

What is "Canine Cough?"

Infectious tracheobronchitis is a highly contagious, upper-respiratory disease which is spread by an airborne virus. The incubation period of the disease is roughly 3 to 7 days. The main symptom is a gagging cough, sometimes accompanied by sneezing and nasal discharge, which can last anywhere from a few days to several weeks. Although this coughing is very annoying, it does not usually develop into anything more serious. However, just as with common cold, it can lower the dog's resistance to other disease making him susceptible to secondary infections, and so he must be observed closely to avoid complications.

How is it cured?

Just as in the case of the common cold, tracheobronchitis is not "cured" but must run its course. Many times antibiotics will be prescribed to prevent secondary infection, and sometimes cough suppressants will be prescribed to reduce excessive coughing, but these medications do not attack the disease itself.

Does tracheobronchitis occur only in kennels?

No. Since these viruses can be present anywhere, and can travel for considerable distances through the air, they can affect any dog ... even one which never leaves its own back yard. But tracheobronchitis is more likely to occur when the concentration of dogs is greater such as at a dog show, kennel, veterinarian offices and hospitals as well as pet shops. Dogs can also be exposed while running loose or while being walked near other dogs, or playing in the park..

But aren't the chances of catching it greater when a dog is in a kennel?

Yes ... because, in a kennel, a dog encounters two conditions that do not exist at home ... proximity to a number of potentially contagious dogs, and the stress and excitement of a less familiar environment, which can result in lowered resistance to disease (these same factors explain why children are more likely to catch the flu in school, rather than at home). But the more frequently a dog boards at a kennel, the greater are the chances that he will acquire an immunity to the disease. Even during a widespread outbreak, only a fairly small percentage of exposed dogs are affected.

Are these viruses a constant problem?

No. Tracheobronchitis, like the flu, is often seasonal. It also tends to be epidemic. When veterinarians begin to see cases, they normally come from every kennel in town, as well as from individual dog owners whose dogs were not kenneled at all. When the outbreak is over, they might not see another case for months.

Can my dog be vaccinated to protect him against tracheobronchitis?

Yes! Vaccines against parainfluenza and adenovirus type 2 (in combination with other vaccines) are routinely used as part of an adult dog's yearly check up. Puppies are usually vaccinated for these in combination with distemper, hepatitis, and parvovirus in a series of immunizations. It is

important to note that the vaccines that are used to prevent this viral disease are made from one strain of over 100 different strains of the virus and therefore are not as effective against some strains as others. Some strains are not included in any vaccine, therefore, there is no prevention against them. Intra-nasal vaccines are also available for Bordetella bronchiseptica (another cause of canine cough). Although some veterinary practices do not use this vaccination routinely, it should be considered for pets that board or for those whose veterinarian recommends it. Your veterinarian is in the best position to recommend a program of preventive health care management depending on your pet's needs.

Can't the kennel prevent my dog from catching tracheobronchitis?

Unfortunately, no amount of supervision, sanitation, or personalized care can prevent a dog from "catching" an airborne virus. All that a good boarding kennel can do is to recommend immunization against tracheobronchitis, refuse to board any obviously sick dog, listen and watch for any signs of sickness, and make sure that any dog requiring veterinary attention receives it as quickly as possible. (Strangely, the dog with parainfluenza alone may not appear ill, yet is contagious.) You have a right to expect a kennel to provide the best possible care just as a kennel has a right to expect you to accept financial responsibility for such care. Your American Boarding Kennels Association member is devoted to your pet's well being. Look for his membership certificate proudly displayed.



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