

# Imperial Animal Hospital

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## Facts about canine influenza

### And a new vaccine that's now available to protect dogs

#### Canine influenza is.....

- \* **An emerging threat to the respiratory health of dogs across the US**  
All breeds and ages are susceptible to infection  
Because it's a new virus, dogs have no natural immunity to it
- \* **Highly contagious and easily spread through:**  
Direct contact (licking or nuzzling)  
The air (coughing or sneezing)  
Contaminated surfaces (picked up on the hands or clothing of a person and then spread when another dog is touched or petted)
- \* **Characterized by a persistent cough that may last several weeks, as well as runny nose, watery eyes, and a loss of appetite and/or energy**
- \* **Usually mild, but can progress to a more severe infection or pneumonia in 10% to 20% of cases, and is fatal in up to 8% of sick dogs**
- \* **A Concern for owners whose dogs:**  
Come from a shelter, rescue center, breeder or pet store  
Board at a kennel  
Attend doggie daycare or group training  
Visit a groomer, dog park or other places where dogs congregate  
Participate in dog events and competitions

#### Canine Influenza Vaccine, H3N8 is.....

- \* **The first vaccine available to aid in the prevention of disease associated with canine influenza**
- \* **Proven to significantly reduce the coughing, severity and spread of canine influenza infection**
- \* **Proven safe; a killed virus vaccine developed, manufactured and marketed by Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health and conditionally licensed by the USDA**  
A conditional license is issued to meet a special circumstance such as the emergence of a new virus for which there is no existing vaccine.
- \* **Administered in two doses given 2 weeks apart**  
One annual booster injection is needed to continue protection

**The initial influenza series is \$40.00, this includes your two week booster.**

