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“Canine Influenza”

1. Canine Influenza virus causes an acute respiratory infection. This newly emerging virus causes a clinical syndrome that mimics “kennel cough”. The most common clinical sign is a cough that persists for 10 to 21 days, and many dogs have green or yellow nasal discharge. Some dogs develop more severe symptoms, including high fever and increased respiratory effort.
2. The virus is highly contagious and is spread by aerosolized respiratory secretions, contaminated objects, and even by people moving back and forth between infected and uninfected dogs. When possible exposed, your animal should be kept isolated from other dogs for at least 7 days. The fatality rate so far is low, at one to five percent. There is no vaccine for the influenza virus at this time.
3. If you suspect your dog has Canine Influenza, call your vet as soon as possible.
4. If an animal shows signs of this virus, it will not be allowed into the shelter, however, the Hardee County Pet Friendly Shelter cannot guarantee that your pet will not be exposed to the Canine Influenza virus from other animals housed at the shelter.

Signature / Date

Signature of Witness / Date

Print Name

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