



# Upper Respiratory Infections

## Dear Valued Best Friends Fur Ever Customers:

It's that time of year again when we are starting to hear about Upper Respiratory Infections in the community. These are airborne and extremely contagious.



All dogs that participate in community activities such as daycare are prone to exposure. Just like young kids going to preschool or daycare, puppy's immune systems are still developing and become stronger the more socialized and exposed they are. It's very common for young children to come home with a sniffle and a cough as they enter daycare environments, and some dogs go through the same as they start socializing with other dogs. Dogs can become infected in:

- Animal shelters
- Kennels
- Dog parks
- Daycares
- Veterinarian offices
- Pet-friendly stores
- NCR and Ma & Pa walking trails

Upper Respiratory Infections are taken very seriously at Best Friends Fur Ever:

- Our staff disinfects every kennel, lodging, play equipment, and play area (outdoors and indoors) daily with 256 Cleaner - a disinfectant specifically made for veterinary clinics and daycare environments. This cleaner kills canine influenza, canine parvovirus, and over 50 other viruses and pathogens.
- We wash all blankets and towels after use by one dog, and hand wash all water/feeding bowls and enrichment toys and/or via industrial grade dishwasher.
- We have invested over \$50,000 into Aerapy Animal Health's upper air systems to kill any airborne viruses, such as Upper Respiratory Infections. These air systems offer targeted, high-level UV disinfection to reduce pathogens in the airstream and, in combination with normal surface cleaning procedures, can help further reduce the

surface pathogen load. Their UV technology is proven to kill more than 99.9% of tested virus and bacterial pathogens.

Even with our efforts, dogs in our care can unfortunately still come down with an Upper Respiratory Infection. In most cases, your pup will get it one time in their life and then their immune system will know how to fight it off in the future. If your pup is suspected of having an Upper Respiratory Infection while in our care, we will ask that you or your emergency contact pick them up immediately and take them to the vet for treatment. If you notice symptoms at home, like coughing or hacking, please call your vet to get them seen and notify us as well.

*Thank you for your patience and understanding!*



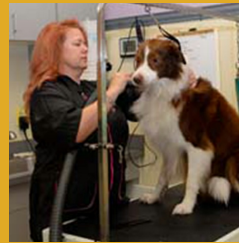
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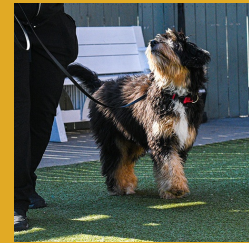
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