

Good Evening,

Courteous Canines' Unleashed! Day Camp has been following the news coverage on the Atypical Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease (aCIRD), closely and have consulted with our Veterinarian and are following the guidance of the state Veterinarian.

aCIRD has posed the largest threat to dogs in shelters due to their incomplete vaccination status and higher stress levels. Nationwide it has spread among a very small number of dogs. aCIRD began circulating in the late summer and early autumn of 2022.

In an abundance of caution, Unleashed! Day Camp is asking:

- That dogs who are returning from boarding kennels quarantine at home for the 7 days following the conclusion of their boarding.
- Dogs are only enrolled in daycare at Unleashed! Day Camp and are not attending and other daycares or participating in any other off-leash or group play environments. • Dogs enrolled in our Unleashed! Day Camp are not allowed to attend any dog parks to protect our group's health.
- We are asking clients to schedule holiday grooming appointments as close to December 24th as possible so that your dogs can utilize the holiday break December 22nd to January 1st to quarantine.
 - If your groomer allows dogs to interact within the grooming shop (not crated individually) your dog will need to quarantine for 7 days after your appointment before returning to camp.

Current plan to decrease the risk of transmission for our clients:

- This fall we acquired top of the line air purifiers. We have two units set up in the Unleashed! Day Camp. Our purifiers are rated to filter double the square footage of our building. This purifier has been the #1 Rated medical-grade air purifier, and has a HyperHEPA filtration which is tested and certified by an independent third-party lab to efficiently filter harmful ultrafine pollutants including COVID, and the virus that transmits Kennel Cough.
- We will continue screening clients' medical records.
- We will be bringing home all kongs to be sterilized in my dishwasher. Clients are welcome to bring their own if they would like.
- Water dishes will be washed hourly.
- We will not be allowing dogs to use toys during free play until the threat of respiratory illness transmission has passed.
- Weather permitting we will be playing outside as much as possible. Please send your pups with coats and sweaters if needed.

We are asking for clients to assist us in keeping everyone safe by:

- We ask clients to monitor and self-report if their dog has exhibited any of the following symptoms:
 - Coughing that has persisted over multiple days/weeks
 - Fever
 - Eye or Nose Discharge
 - Sneezing
 - Lethargy
 - Difficulty Breathing
 - Loss of Appetite
- If the dog has ongoing symptoms (longer than 2 days), owners need to be evaluated by their veterinarian before returning to our Unleashed! Day Camp.
- If we observe dogs exhibiting symptoms they will be isolated and sent home and will need to be cleared by their veterinarian before returning to camp.

*We recommend that clients consult with their veterinarians and ensure their dogs are vaccinated for all respiratory disease that are currently identified.
All campers are required and current on their Bordetella Vaccination.*

Owners can discuss if their veterinarian recommends Parainfluenza and Canine Influenza for your dog in addition to recommended core vaccines.

The University of New Hampshire's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and the Hubbard Center for Genome Studies have identified the pathogen, from samples of dogs that were ill in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The pathogen is a small bacterium, which is likely to have evolved from a component of the dog microbiome. This information was shared to guide treatment for the respiratory syndrome outbreaks. Currently doxycycline is showing to be effective. Rhode Island and Massachusetts that has reported a total of 40 dogs ill, and New Hampshire has reported 30 dogs' total.

Please discuss your pets' individual exposure levels and risks with your veterinarian. If your dog has immunosuppression issues, please reach out to your veterinarian as your pet has a greater risk.

Please let us know if you have any questions or will be absent from your dogs scheduled days.

Wags!

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