

What's the treatment?

Contagious Canine Cough is caused by both bacteria and viruses, however antibiotics often have little impact on symptoms. Other therapies such as anti-inflammatory drugs and cough suppressants are often only minimally effective and should only be used under veterinary advice.

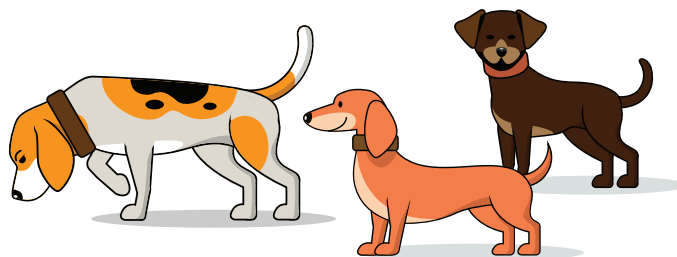
As with any serious disease, prevention is always better than cure.

What can you do to prevent your dog from catching Contagious Canine Cough?

Vaccinations are available that are proven to reduce signs of the disease as well as reduce the possibility of your dog passing it onto other dogs. These vaccinations can help to prevent your dog from suffering from Contagious Canine Cough.

Discuss with your vet if this is an option for your dog. For more information, on what contagious canine cough sounds like, there are videos on Youtube. However these persistent coughs can be distressing to view.

Ask your vet today to vaccinate your dog against Contagious Canine Cough.

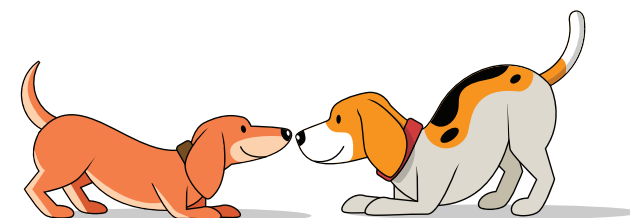


Is your dog at risk? Contagious Canine Cough

Check if your dog may be at risk with the Keeping Britain's Pets Healthy risk checker:

www.kbph.co.uk

Visit here for more information on parasite protection, pet diabetes and travelling with your dog.



Contagious Canine Cough symptoms can include:

- Harsh, dry, hacking cough
- Fever
- Loss of appetite



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What is Contagious Canine Cough?

Contagious Canine Cough is also known as Kennel Cough. However Kennel Cough can be a misleading name, suggesting it only arises if your dog is in boarding kennels. In fact, all dogs who contact other dogs, or share their air space, are at risk because the bacteria and viruses can be found and survive on toys, clothes and in water.

It is a complex, highly infectious respiratory disease which circulates in the dog population all year round. Although a range of bugs can be involved, the two most likely triggers are both common and widespread: a bacterium called *Bordetella bronchiseptica* and canine parainfluenza virus.

Contagious Canine Cough:

- Can affect dogs of all ages
- One of the common causes can survive a long time in the environment, in water and on clothing
- Dogs most often develop a harsh dry hacking cough
- Lasts for several weeks
- May turn into pneumonia
- In rare cases can prove fatal in young puppies, old dogs or dogs with concurrent illnesses

Is your dog at risk?

The answer will most likely be yes. Any dog that socialises, or shares air space, with other dogs is potentially at risk to infection from Contagious Canine Cough.

Common risk areas include:

- The park
- The street
- Visiting other households
- Training classes
- The groomers
- Boarding kennels and doggy daycare
- The vets
- Dog shows
- Communal water bowls



How common is Contagious Canine Cough?

Contagious Canine Cough is one of the most common infectious diseases that dogs can catch which can potentially be vaccinated against.

There is a common misconception that dogs are only at risk of Contagious Canine Cough in kennels, research has shown that the majority of cases are acquired outside of kennels.¹

Most dogs are at risk and protection against the most significant infectious causes is important to prevent infection spreading.

1. MSD Animal Health Internal Study. Survey of CIRDC in UK veterinary clinics (2010).¹

