



Dear Petite Paws Family,

We want to thank you for allowing us to take care of your furry family members over these past 8 years. It's truly our pleasure! As you know we strive to keep your pets safe & healthy while in our care. In continuing this mission we will be adding the **Canine Influenza Vaccine to the list of must haves for your pets to board with us.**

Many of you may have been aware that in May of this year the Canine Influenza Virus was brought to our area. While we have been fortunate not to have a major outbreak, due to how this virus spreads we have decided to be proactive and require all boarding guests to have this vaccine. The time to take action to help prevent an outbreak is before one begins! Please understand that the vaccine is not a preventable, but will lessen the symptoms and severity of the virus should your pet come in contact with it. I will be posting an informative document outlining all information concerning the K9 Virus to our website. (www.petitepawspethotel.com)

We are also asking that when making boarding arrangements for your pet please **DO NOT** plan on boarding them if your pet is showing any of the following symptoms: ***Lethargic, lack of appetite, nasal congestion or upper respiratory symptoms, sneezing/coughing, or fever.*** If your pet is showing any of these symptoms please contact your vet immediately.

If while boarding your pet they begin to show any of the above symptoms we will move them to a quarantine area, notify you immediately, and they will need to be removed from our facility within 12 hours.

Due to how this virus spreads we are limiting what your pet brings from home to board with. We are asking that you not bring any pet bedding, blankets, bowls, etc. We have a large variety of comforters, blankets, towels, etc that we can pair with your pets kuranda bed that would compare to what they use at home. Please just let our staff know at drop off if you would like something specific for your pet. If your pet requires special needs such as an orthopedic bed or crate please let us know ahead of time so that we can make the proper arrangements with you. We are trying to make this transition as easy on everyone as possible.

The Canine Influenza Vaccine is a two part Vaccine that your local vet will administer. Your pet will receive their initial vaccine with a booster 2-4 weeks after the first shot. Then they will receive an annual vaccine. Please understand your pet has to have both shots for the vaccine to be fully effective and for your pet to board. **Beginning August 1, 2017** Petite Paws will be **requiring that your pet have their first initial vaccine** with the **booster scheduled 2-4 weeks out.** If you do not get the booster shot within that period of time you will have to start the process all over. By November 1, 2017 we will require that your pet have both the initial shot and booster to board.

We thank you for your understanding and to complying with this new policy.

Petite Paws Staff!!