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These two videos can help you distinguish kennel cough from reverse sneezing...



Kennel Cough



Reverse sneezing & solution



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Homeopathic remedy for cats and dogs to relieve dry, hacking coughs and sneezing, plus provides respiratory and immunity protection

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Have you had more cases of kennel cough this year since the current drought began in 2012? The extreme heat and drought that much of the US endured this past summer seems to have triggered an increase in this infectious and contagious disease. According to the forecasters, conditions will worsen during the summer of 2013.

Not sure how to identify kennel cough? Listen for a persistent dry cough with a "honking" sound, sneezing, snorting or gagging. Energy levels and eating habits are usually not affected. If excited, your dog may cough up white, foamy phlegm and could also develop a fever.

What to do? Immediately isolate the dog. Kennel cough is like human colds and is so contagious that it can be picked up from sharing a water dish or even thru particles in the air. An infected animal can remain contagious even days after symptoms disappear.

What treatments are available? Kennel cough can be caused by a number of pathogens, including parainfluenza, bordetella and adenovirus-2. Vaccinations are available for prevention of some agents.

- Often the condition will clear up in 2 or 3 weeks while the dog is isolated.
- A humidifier or vaporizer can provide some relief, or taking the dog in the bathroom with you while you shower.
- Avoid exposing the dog to cigarette smoke and other noxious fumes.
- A cough suppressant or antibiotic may be prescribed by your vet.
- If your dog pulls against her collar, resulting in coughing, replace it with a harness.
- Refrain from running or walking an infected dog any great distance.
- Be sure she is eating and drinking well in a stress-free environment.

Final note: reverse sneezing is sometimes mistaken for kennel cough... but is usually caused by an allergic reaction to either food or something in the environment. See the video at left for an easy way to relieve it... pinching or stopping up the nostrils and/or rubbing the neck causes the palate to drop and stops this type of cough.

Helpful Links if you have a few more minutes >>>

[A whole website about Kennel Cough](#)

[Vet-recommended NATURAL treatments for kennel cough](#)

[Home remedies for kennel cough from Ehow](#)