
Canine Flu

There has been a reported increase in cases of canine influenza in the Southeast. The virus does not appear to affect humans, but is extremely contagious in dogs. Symptoms include, but are not limited to, coughing, sneezing, runny nose or eyes, loss of appetite, fever and lethargy. The incubation period is 2-5 days and dogs are likely to be contagious prior to showing symptoms. The virus can be transmitted through coughing, sneezing, barking and can remain present on surfaces for several days.

If your dog is showing symptoms, please contact us as soon as possible for treatment information.

We are currently offering the influenza vaccine, which will not necessarily prevent infection, but can decrease the severity of symptoms if infected. The vaccine is given in 2 doses, with the second booster to be given 3 weeks after the first. If you are interested in the vaccine, please call us for an appointment.

If you would like additional information, please call the clinic at 770-614-4000.