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Canine Influenza Vaccine Who is at risk?

You might have heard on the news or read about it in the newspaper about the new canine influenza virus H3N8. As your pet's veterinary team, we feel that it's important that you have the latest and most accurate information. Canine influenza is a highly contagious respiratory infection of dogs and was first discovered in 2004 in Florida. It has now been found in 30 states, although it appears to be more prevalent in Florida, New York, Colorado and Pennsylvania.

We recommend vaccinating dogs that are at risk and we require that every boarder is vaccinated. It is more likely to spread in facilities like shelters, boarding and training facilities, day care centers, dog shows, veterinary clinics, pet stores

and grooming parlors. The USDA approved the licensure for the first influenza vaccine developed by Intervet/Schering Plough in May 2009. Although the vaccine may not prevent infection, efficacy trials have shown that it significantly reduces the severity and duration of clinical illness and shedding.

If your pet is at risk, it needs to be vaccinated. This year the pets will require the initial vaccine followed by a 2nd booster 2 to 4 weeks later, then on a yearly basis. If you have any questions please feel free to call our office and our team members will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,
The doctors and staff at Country Oaks



We are AAHA Accredited!



Country Oaks Veterinary Clinic is proud to be an accredited member of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). Our accreditation demonstrates our commitment to the highest standards of veterinary care. AAHA regularly inspects our hospital to ensure that we comply with the association's standards for facilities, equipment and quality procedures. AAHA standards are recognized around the world as the benchmark for quality care in veterinary medicine.

These standards cover nearly every aspect of our hospital, including surgery, pharmacy, laboratory, exam facilities, pet health records, cleanliness, emergency services, dental and nursing care, diagnostic imaging and anesthesiology. Approximately 15 percent of animal hospitals in North America are accredited by AAHA.

Our goal is to continue to improve our standards to better serve you and your pet. We are proud to be an AAHA clinic!

Recession-Busting Preventive Health Care Tips

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- Don't chintz on routine preventive care — preventing parasite infestations and potentially serious diseases is much more economical in the long run than trying to treat problems after the fact.
- Substitute healthier and less-expensive treats, like baby carrots and veggies for costly store-bought goodies for your pet.
- Regular, health-appropriate exercise helps keep the doctor away! If you don't take your dog for walks or play with your cat regularly, start doing so now. Most veterinarians agree that even a few minutes of regular daily exercise can help improve a pet's health and vitality.

From PetsMatter AAHA Newsletter

Join us for our Client Appreciation Day!

We are pleased to invite you to our Client Appreciation Day which will be held at Country Oaks Veterinary Clinic on November 7, 2009 from 11am - 2pm. You will have an opportunity to meet our staff and some of our vendors. Join us for a tour of our facilities, information and free gifts for you and your pets. We hope to see you there!

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