



Kennel Cough in dogs is a complex disease. In most cases it is caused by a combination of a bacterial and viral infection. It is similar in many ways to the human cold or the flu in that there may be dozens of different germs that can be involved. Our vaccinations will protect dogs from the most severe strains but it is not currently possible to prevent them from catching some of the milder strains.

Kennel Cough is a form of Bronchitis and rarely becomes a threat to the pet's life as long as it is treated early. Factors believed to contribute to the development of Kennel Cough are stress, excessive barking and exposure to unfamiliar dogs in the same airspace.

In short, there is no way to protect your dog totally any more than you can keep a child from getting a cold at school, however, we can almost always protect them from any life threatening Consequences of Kennel Cough.

Thanks,

Dr. Bob Encinosa

Date: _____

Signature: _____