



Why does my dog need twice yearly Kennel Cough (bordetella) vaccination to board at U Dirty Dawg?

"Kennel Cough" is a common problem wherever dogs congregate in close contact.

The hacking, choking cough that can develop as a result of infection is both uncomfortable for affected pets and worrisome for their owners.

Our facility and procedures are designed to reduce the incidence of respiratory infections within our guests.

Unfortunately, even under the best of circumstances it is not possible to eliminate these infections completely. Our goal at U Dirty Dawg is to do whatever we can to keep the incidence of respiratory infection in our facility at a minimum and to keep your pet healthy!! The requirement for the twice yearly bordetella vaccine is a result of our own experience with less frequent vaccination schedules.

When our facility opened in 2006, we required only a once a year bordetella vaccination.

Unfortunately, with the once yearly vaccination, we suffered from regular outbreaks of respiratory disease.

While there are no universally accepted recommendations for the frequency of the bordetella vaccination, it is known, and our experiences have since confirmed, that the more frequent administration of intra-nasal vaccines results in a better ability to fight off respiratory infections.

We hope that this information helps to explain why we have decided to put this policy in place. It is truly for the best interest of your dog to ensure they are both happy and healthy!

Ideally, if boarding is planned and your dog has either never been vaccinated for bordetella, or it has been more than 6 months since the last vaccine, vaccination should take place 5 days or more days before the start of boarding to provide optimum immunity.

Please feel free to contact us directly at 317-535-3647 if you have any questions or concerns regarding our bordetella policy.