

Tip of the Month

It's the time of year when we see an increase of Kennel Cough and Flu among our furry friends. Several viruses and bacteria's may cause kennel cough.

How is it Spread?

The infection spreads rapidly from dog to dog in close quarters, such as a dog daycare or dog park.

Symptoms

Virtually all dogs that are exposed to the virus become infected. Symptoms to look for include:

- Discharge from the eyes & nose
- Swollen tonsils
- Wheezing
- Lack of appetite
- Coughing and
- Lethargy.

Although coughing is usually mild, it can persist for several weeks.

Treatment

Almost all dogs, regardless of breed or age are susceptible to infection and have no immunity. There is no specific treatment for the viruses involved and there is no drug that will kill them. They must run their course which may take 2-3 weeks.

Antibiotics are useful against the bacteria involved, although some resistance to some antibiotics has occurred. Cough suppressants are used to break the self-perpetuating cycle of coughing that occurs.

Prevention

Noah's Arf requires that all dogs have a bordetella vaccination annually. We also ask that if a dog does come down with an illness, that they get a clean bill of health from their veterinarian before returning to daycare. Noah's Arf also maintains the cleanest toys, water bowls, and play area.

Source: "Dogs-Pet Health Care Library

Kennel News



Noah's Arf is using Calming Bands on daycare dogs as a way to minimize excessive barking. Reducing excessive barking also helps calm reactive dogs.

This band was

developed from the Tellington Training method. The band has elastic that goes over the nose with a nylon piece around the back of the ears and under the jaw. Use of this band is not a reprimand or punishment. It is simply a way to make the daycare environment more enjoyable for your pets and their human playmates.

For more information regarding the TTouch Calming Bands visit:

<http://www.tilleyfarm.co.uk/calm.html>

Upcoming Holidays

It's not too early to book your reservations for Spring Break, Labor Day, and 4th of July.

We are already taking reservations with a 50% deposit.



Halloween Costume Contest

We are proud and excited to announce our Halloween Costume Contest winners:

1st Place: Chuba Suzuki \$35 Gift Certificate

2nd Place: Brisco Mandel Free Self-wash

3rd Place: Zeus Hill Free Nail Trim

View these winners and our additional little goblins in our photo gallery.

New Business Hours

We finally did it! Because of your feedback and our commitment to excellent customer service, we have expanded our operating hours. We are now open until 7:00pm Monday through Friday.

After 7:00pm our after hours late fee of \$10.00 will be enforced. Our weekend hours will remain the same:

Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am-6:00pm

Pupdo's

Pupdo's is the new name for grooming services provided by Dawnidia Holscher at Noah's Arf. Professional full grooming services are available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Contact our Noah's Arf receptionist to set up an appointment, 503-223-6624.

Christmas Photo's & Gift Ideas

Christmas pictures were once again taken here at The Arf by Tiia Capri Photography for \$10.00. These can be made into Christmas cards and make long lasting gifts. If you missed photos for your precious pet this time be sure to remember to sign up next year at The Arf. Tiia can be reached at 503-490-4050 for appointments.

New items from Santa's Shop have arrived and include a fun variety of

Christmas stocking stuffers:

- R a w h i d e Greeting Cards
- H o m e m a d e treats by Julie
- Fleece lined rain coats

Don't forget about Noah's Arf Gift Certificates for that perfect gift.

Noah's Arf Website

Check out The Arf's new and updated website. We have tried hard to make our web site informative and user friendly. Your comments, suggestions, and feedback are always welcome and appreciated.

You can now view our Oregon Humane Society adoptable pet, monthly newsletter, pet of the month, download our application and check employment opportunities. Also, please view our Frequently Asked Questions page to help answer any of your questions or give us a call.