

DOG - Virus Information

Dear Customers as you may be aware a new Virus(?) is affecting Dogs in several states, and now there are reported cases in Washington state. This is the time of year that dogs tend to get respiratory illnesses. Veterinarians according to the WDofA are reporting that the majority of cases are recovering. A small portion of animals do experience serious disease.

As of 12/1/23 notice by the WDofA there has been 16 reported cases of an Atypical Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex (CIRDC). WDofA is still collecting more information. Keep in mind there are more than 1.6 million dogs in Washington state.

Below is information we have gathered from several sources

Beyond vaccinating your dog for any and all known diseases, avoid additional exposure by not taking your dog to any off leash parks and minimize contact with dogs outside your household such as on walks, hikes or stores.

Veterinarians are issuing a critical health warning that demands immediate action within the animal care industry. Recent reports have raised significant concerns about a mysterious and potentially severe respiratory illness impacting dogs. This unidentified illness has been reported in various states across the country and has gained national attention.

Nature of the Illness: This respiratory disease initially presents with mild symptoms but can swiftly progress to severe conditions, including pneumonia. Early signs may include a mild “wet” cough that rapidly escalates, necessitating intensive treatments.

Transmission: The primary transmission route of any respiratory infection is spread through the air. According to recent reports, this illness is believed to be aerosolized, which means it can be transmitted through the air.

Isolation: To contain the potential spread of this illness, it is imperative to isolate any animals displaying the first signs of illness immediately. This proactive measure can help protect the health of other animals in your care.

Monitoring and response: Remain vigilant and closely monitor your dog(s) for any signs of respiratory distress.

Contact your veterinarian if you have concerns or more questions. The information provided is just a summary of information gathered online and media.

Wash and Sanitize your hands regularly
Wash and sanitize clothing