Kennel Cough

This pet has kennel cough. Kennel cough is a condition that causes respiratory illness. Dogs that have kennel cough usually have a deep “honking” type of cough, but can also have discharge from the nose and eyes, and in some severe cases, can develop pneumonia.

Basic treatment for kennel cough often includes antibiotics to fight secondary infections. Using a humidifier or having the dog in the steamed bathroom when taking a shower can be beneficial as well. Some dogs may require cough suppressants if the cough is significant. All medications and treatment directions will be given by Second Chance Animal Hospital.

There are many different organisms that can cause kennel cough signs, with some being more contagious or problematic than others. It is strongly recommended to keep a dog with kennel cough isolated from other pets. This includes pets in the home, dog parks, pet stores etc., as the infection is contagious, even if your pet is vaccinated. No vaccine is 100% effective and the vaccination is only effective against certain strains of kennel cough.

The foster period for kennel cough is usually about two weeks, but there are a few cases that may require a longer treatment time. The first recheck appointment is usually scheduled for two weeks after treatment was started. At this time, the veterinary staff will determine if the pet can go up for adoption, or will need additional time to recover.

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