Leptospirosis

- A bacterial disease that can affect people and animals, including dogs.
- The bacteria that causes leptospirosis is spread in the urine of infected animals, including rodents, wildlife, pets, and livestock.
- People and dogs can be infected through contact with infected urine or water or wet soil contaminated with urine.

**If Your Dog is Diagnosed With Leptospirosis**

Your dog should avoid contact with other dogs for 6 weeks after finishing antibiotic treatment. If you must take your dog to a boarding, grooming, or another facility where there might be other dogs, notify the facility ahead of time that your dog was recently diagnosed with leptospirosis so that they can take special precautions.

Give your dog the full course of antibiotics prescribed by your veterinarian to decrease the amount of time their urine is infectious. If you have additional dogs in your household, discuss potential antibiotic treatment for them with your veterinarian to address potential infections without symptoms.

If you or a family member feel sick, please see your doctor and let them know your dog was recently diagnosed with leptospirosis.

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