

## Animal Health Update: Canine Influenza Posters for use by Veterinary Facilities

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Dear Veterinary Colleagues,

The canine influenza H3N2 (CIV H3N2) outbreak continues to spread in Los Angeles County (LAC). At least 67 daycare and boarding kennels have been affected and the virus was introduced into two animal shelters. Veterinary facilities have also been found to be sources of exposure for a number of pets for canine influenza, possibly when sick or coughing dogs come in contact with other pets both inside and outside of the veterinary clinic. Attached are posters that can be posted at your clinic to educate clients about the outbreak and to have them alert staff about their sick dog before entering the facility.

In preparation for the upcoming holidays and the anticipated surge in attendance at boarding kennels or daycare facilities for LAC pets, it is important to educate pet owners about these outbreaks and to recommend that dogs be vaccinated for both CIV H3N2 and leptospirosis before entering a congregate facility.

### **Current outbreak status:**

Canine Influenza H3N2:

- Over 1324 reported confirmed and suspected cases and 12 reported deaths in LA County
- 67 pet daycare and boarding kennels and two animal shelters affected
- Some pets have been infected at dog parks, while on walks, and where they come near other dogs.
- Cases of CIV H3N2 are being reported in the surrounding counties as well

For more information: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/InfluenzaCanineH3N2.htm>

Leptospirosis:

- 170 reported confirmed and suspected cases and 10 reported deaths in LA County.
- Most cases associated with boarding, daycare, dog parks, primarily in West LA and Santa Monica area.
- Some cases associated with exposure on walks around the neighborhood.

For more information: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/Leptospirosis2021.htm>

Sincerely,

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