

All dog must be up to date on distemper, parvo, bordetella and rabies vaccines, in accordance with their veterinarian's standards. The Bordetella (canine cough) vaccine is a source of controversy in the veterinary world. Some say the vaccine protects for a year, some say three months. At MerriMutts Inn the Bordetella vaccine is accepted for **ONE YEAR AND MUST BE ADMINISTERED AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE YOUR DOG ENTERS THE FACILITY.** Before the 72 hour limit your dog is completely unprotected against canine cough.

Bordetella (canine cough) is a contagious upper respiratory condition that is much like a human "cold". Canine cough can be brought into any facility from dog parks, veterinary offices or from any dog your dog comes in contact with. If your dog is coughing he will not be permitted to play or board at MerriMutts Inn until veterinary treatment has been obtained, and his treatment (antibiotics) has been in force for at least 5 days. Please be aware that **EVEN VACCINATED DOGS CAN STILL CONTRACT KENNEL COUGH** due to the many strains of the disease which seem to break through the vaccine's protection.