

# What You Need to Know About Canine Influenza (CIV) H3N8 Virus

A number of cases of **CIV** have been confirmed in the past month in San Antonio.

**SYMPTOMS** of this virus include a fever, runny nose, and coughing. Not all dogs that contract the virus will exhibit symptoms, but can still transmit the virus.

**WHO IS AT RISK?** Any dog can contract the virus but those whose lifestyle includes travel, interacting with other dogs, trips to dog parks, pet stores, grooming-training-daycare-boarding facilities, or those who participate in shows, trials, agility, etc, are especially susceptible. Please contact your veterinarian for more information about **Canine Influenza** and the **CIV** vaccine.

While we have not had any cases of **Canine Influenza** within or from our facility to date, we want to do all we can to keep it that way. **Effective Nov 17, 2011**, we will require all dogs to have completed the **CIV** vaccine series, plus 1 week following the booster, prior to any services at The Palms Pet Resort & Spa. Effective immediately we won't accept any new dogs in PlayCare without the **CIV** vaccine series, plus 1 week waiting period.

As always, our goal is to provide a safe, healthy, fun facility for all our wonderful pet guests.

**INFORMATION** can be found on **CIV** at

[www.doginfluenza.com](http://www.doginfluenza.com), [www.cdc.gov/flu/canine](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/canine), and [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)