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RESPIRATORY ADVISORY, PLEASE BE DILIGENT!

PLEASE READ THIS UPDATE REGARDING THE CIRCULATING CANINE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS IN THE NEWS:

While there are no known cases of the new respiratory illness circulating here at Dog Gone Smart, we are asking our clients to be diligent in noticing the symptoms of kennel cough which is going around and presents similarly. Please stay away from all dog parks. Any dogs scheduled to board with us this holiday season must be healthy for us to accept them at dropoff and not have been to another facility or dog park in the past 10 days before arrival. We will be following strict protocols and consulting with vets for the latest safety recommendations as well as following the guidelines in news sources as quickly as they become available.

If your dog is exhibiting any of these symptoms, please do not bring your dog to Dog Gone Smart, and call your Veterinarian ASAP!

If your dog presents any of these symptoms while in our care (however minor) we will call you and your emergency contact to come pick up your dog IMMEDIATELY!

- **COUGH THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING IS STUCK IN DOG'S THROAT**
- **NOSE & EYE DISCHARGE**
- **LOSS OF APPETITE**
- **FEVER**
- **SNEEZING**
- **LETHARGY**
- **DIFFICULTY BREATHING**

Our goal is for your pet and your family to have a fun and safe safe holiday season.

While your dog is here we will need a LOCAL AVAILABLE emergency contact. Should any symptoms arise, your dog will need to leave our facility ASAP and your emergency contact will be responsible for taking your dog to the vet and caring for your dog until you return should they not be able to stay at Dog Gone Smart.

Any dog that comes to Dog Gone Smart MUST have up-to-date vaccines: Bordetella, Rabies, Distemper and a current fecal test that comes back non-contagious. We greatly appreciate your help, support and trust until this virus passes.

