

***And do you know why your daycare or boarding facility asks you to vaccinate your dog at least a couple weeks before he visits? It's because your dog can shed the live bacteria and virus***

***... So other dogs can catch kennel cough from your vaccinated dog ... even though your dog doesn't have the cough.***

### **\*MANDATORY WAITING PERIOD FOLLOWING ANY BORDETELLA VACCINATION**

After being vaccinated with the Bordetella vaccine, a ***non-negotiable waiting period*** is required before your dog can come into ON CLOUD 9 and be around other dogs. Because of this waiting period, we strongly advise that your dog receive their Bordetella vaccination at least *two to three weeks prior to your dog's scheduled stay at ON CLOUD 9*. The Bordetella vaccination is much like a flu shot for humans, in that, following their vaccination, there is a possibility that your dog might contract a mild form of the strain. As a result, your dog may be contagious and pass it on to other dogs. If your dog shows any symptoms of Canine Cough, they are not allowed in our facility at any time during their treatment and recovery.

#### **FIRST TIME BORDETELLA VACCINATION WAITING PERIOD GUIDELINES:**

**Intranasal/ Oral Vaccination Method:** (1 dose): A non-negotiable **5-day** waiting period is required.

**Injectable Vaccination Method:** A non-negotiable **2-week** waiting period is required after the 2nd booster in the series is completed. (Must complete the series as recommended by your veterinarian).

#### **YEARLY RENEWAL OF BORDETELLA VACCINE (BOOSTER SHOT):**

**Intranasal/Oral Vaccination Method:** A non-negotiable **5-day** waiting period is required.

**Injectable Vaccination Method:** A non-negotiable **5-day** waiting period is required.

***\*\*Waiting period is from date of actual day of administration ... not from the date it was due to expire.\*\****

#### **Why is the waiting period important?**

Vaccines need time to stimulate the immune system to produce antibodies and develop immunity against the disease.

This waiting period helps ensure your dog has developed the best possible protection before being exposed to other dogs in a boarding environment.

Planning for vaccination at least 1-2 weeks prior to potential exposure is always recommended.

***\*\* The waiting period helps your dog build sufficient immunity to make them less susceptible to catching or transferring viruses. Our customers' health and safety are paramount and the goal of these waiting periods is to keep your dog, your dog's playmates, and every furry friend of ours as healthy as possible!***

