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# The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter

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Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

**NEXT MEETING- February 9, 2019 at 11am – at the Blue  
Moose 11134 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131**

And really food might be optional...



So...you say you **DON'T** have a spiffy Heart of America Boxer Polo shirt?? You don't want to be the **Odd Man** (or woman) out at our next function!??? Well.. Get with Mark Ewing!

## Member Brags

*Anything to brag about? Please get the brags (show, dates, judge, award, full dogs name, and owners)*

*IF you would like to be included in the newsletter brags...please send them to [farmoreboxers@yahoo.com](mailto:farmoreboxers@yahoo.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!*



## Officers & Directors 2018-2019

President: Tiffany Jay (2019)

Vice President: Karen Emerson (2019)

Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2020)

Secretary: Becky Arce (2020)

Board Member: Janet Ewing (2020)

Board Member: Mark Ewing (2019)

Board Member: Thomas Latta (2019)

### Committee Assignments for 2017-2018

Show Chairperson: Jeannine

Trophies: Nicki (C) and Jim

Hospitality: Becky (C) , Tom D., Linda

Facebook Updates: Amber (C) and Peyton

Fundraising: Jeannine (C), Janet, Tom L, Jim

Performance: Janet

Advertising: Scott (C) and Tiffany

Annual Meeting: Mark

Historian: Peyton

Cards & Flowers: Sabrina (C) and Carol

Breeder Referral: Carol

Website: Tom L

Membership: Rachel (C) and Tiffany

Boxer Rescue: Liz

Public Education: Rachel

Newsletter: Amber

Door Prize: Joyce (C) and Julie

Legislation: Joyce



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## Rescue Corner

**WE NEED HELP!**

Contact [mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net](mailto:mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net)

### **URGENT need for foster homes!!!**

Please! Help get the word out! MO/KAN Boxer rescue is in need of qualified Foster homes.

Some BASIC requirements to be considered for a Foster Home.....

- Fencing is not required but is preferred; not having a fence will limit placement options.
- All other pets in the home must be UTD on shots and on HW prevention year-round.
- Contact Elizabeth or Joyce for more information at [mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net](mailto:mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net)

# Helpful Links

## Kansas all breed clubs

<http://sunflowerkc.wordpress.com/>  
<http://www.heartofamericakc.org/>  
[www.wichitakennelclub.com](http://www.wichitakennelclub.com)  
[www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com](http://www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com)  
[www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/](http://www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/)  
[www.ljkc.com/](http://www.ljkc.com/)  
[www.salinakennelclub.org/](http://www.salinakennelclub.org/)  
[www.TopekaKC.org](http://www.TopekaKC.org)

## Kansas Obedience Clubs

[www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com](http://www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com)

## Missouri all breed clubs

[www.JCKC.org](http://www.JCKC.org)  
<http://www.stjosephkennelclub.com/>  
[www.missourirhinelandkc.com](http://www.missourirhinelandkc.com)  
[www.heartlandkc.org](http://www.heartlandkc.org)  
[joplindogs.com](http://joplindogs.com)

## Missouri Obedience Clubs

[kansascitydogtraining.com/](http://kansascitydogtraining.com/)  
[www.gsltc.org](http://www.gsltc.org)  
[www.mcotc.org](http://www.mcotc.org)  
[www.showmek9.com](http://www.showmek9.com)

# AWESOME stuff to do with your dog!

## All Star Dog Sports (BSMO)

<http://www.allstardogsports.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Allstardogsports/?fref=ts>

## Mo-Kan Dock Diving

<http://www.mokandockdogs.com>  
<https://www.facebook.com/mokandockdogs>



## Ozarks Mischief Barn Hunt

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/347414932104557/>



## Important Links- health/clinics

### **BLUE PEARL**

<http://kansas.bluepearlvet.com/>

[www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)

### Overland Park

913.642.9563  
11950 West 110th St  
Overland Park KS 66210

### Kansas City North

816.759.5016  
139 NE 91st Street  
Kansas City, MO 64155

<http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html>  
<http://www.cavalierhealth.org/Cardiologists.htm>

# CLUB HOLTER

*The club has an analog Holter that is available for use by club members.*

1. No rental fee
2. Member needs to purchase the number of tape kits needed
3. Rental time is 10 days- adequate to test 5 dogs
4. Shipping to and from the member is the members' responsibilities.
5. Member is responsible for the condition of the Holter and accompanying vest.
6. Members must sign the usage agreement prior to use.
7. Contact Sabrina @ [sabrina@lattahomes.com](mailto:sabrina@lattahomes.com) for availability

## Good Stuff for the Boxer Breed!

AKC and the Canine Health Foundation presents MANY classes that you can attend for FREE!

*of course*

November 14, 2018 found your HOABC newsletter editor listening in and then watching the webinar again later regarding **Understanding Steroid Responsive Meningitis-Arteritis and Other Inflammatory Neurological Disorders in Dogs** – a fascinating subject- among many others that are available free of charge! If you participate during the actual webinar you have the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers. The webinars are very well done IMO- while many of these provide Continuing Education credits for veterinarian field folks- they keep the information relevant to the average educated pet owner too. I hope you take advantage of this educational experience.

**Go to the following link for MORE webinars**

<http://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/chf-and-vetvine-webinars.html>





## KENNEL COUGH COMPLEX: A COMPLICATED PHRASE FOR THE CANINE COMMON COLD

Infectious canine tracheobronchitis or canine infectious respiratory disease complex has multiple causative agents and its symptoms range from sneezing and bronchitis to inflammation of the throat. In plain English, it is Kennel Cough, the so-called common cold for dogs, which prevails in enclosed, poorly ventilated areas. Just like a child catches a cold at school, your dog can catch a similar type of upper respiratory diseases at doggy daycare or the grooming shop.

### Symptoms

Kennel Cough symptoms are usually similar to a human cold, non-life threatening and mild. A hacking cough is a classic symptom of Kennel Cough. Other symptoms include reverse sneezing, fever, lethargy, phlegm, nasal discharge and sneezing. If your dog develops these symptoms, please take him to your veterinarian to ensure it is not canine influenza, which can lead to bronchopneumonia, or inhalant sensitivities, and does not develop into something else. Symptoms usually appear 7-10 days after exposure.

### Kennel Cough Causes – It Takes an Army

No one virus, bacterium, or environmental condition can mount an assault on your dog's body to produce true Kennel Cough. Yes; one perpetrator may be the general, but a general still needs an army to prevail!

#### 1. Environmental and Quality of Life Factors

Pet-crowded gathering places such as boarding kennels or animal shelters can typically be the battlegrounds of kennel cough. Stress, parasites, malnutrition, poor ventilation, inadequate hygiene, dust and aerosols can predispose to Kennel Cough.

#### 2. Kennel Cough Complex – Viruses

Your dog likely has been vaccinated and immunized for canine distemper virus and canine parvovirus, and they are the two most clinically important "core" vaccine components. I recommend that both of these vaccines be given in my minimal vaccination protocol. Additionally, the following viruses are lumped within the respiratory "Kennel Cough Complex":



Adenovirus-1 (CAV-1; infectious canine hepatitis virus) has only had one minor occurrence in the US in the past 15 + years (at the Canadian Maritimes, US border area). Vaccines for adenovirus-2 (CAV-2) are given to cross-protect against hepatitis as the vaccines for adenovirus-1 were removed from the market years ago, since they produced viral antigen-antibody deposits within some tissues and the surface of the eyes (“blue eye”). Due to the rarity of infectious canine hepatitis, and the fact that including CAV-2 in routine combination puppy vaccines causes a type of immune suppression for about 10 days, I do not recommend giving this component to puppies. They are vulnerable at this age to other stressors like going to a new home, wormings, food changes etc. The CAV-2 antigen in combo vaccines apparently does not cause this immune suppression when given to adult dogs, although one still has to consider whether to include vaccinating for a disease that is no longer seen. However, if a veterinarian chooses to include this vaccine component in combination shots, the immunity should last approximately seven years.

Parainfluenza (CPI) is non-life threatening and usually clears up within a couple of weeks. It is uncommonly diagnosed and typically not associated with significant clinical disease either, so I do not recommend it as a part of my vaccination protocol. Vaccinated immunity is around 3+ years.

Canine Influenza Virus (CIV) is either the H3N8, for which a vaccine exists but I do not recommend it because the symptoms are mild, or the H3N2 Asian strain that hit the Chicago area in early 2015 and for which no vaccine currently exists. Remember, many other upper respiratory viruses – known and unknown – are everywhere and peak during humid, hot and cooler weather seasons.

3. Kennel Cough Complex – Bacteria Bordetella is the most well-known respiratory bacterium and a very common agent to provoke Kennel Cough but does not need to be present to produce Kennel Cough. This is the same with any other inhaled lesser known bacteria, like Bartonella or Mycoplasma, as they too need one or more aforementioned predisposing factor(s) to create actual Kennel Cough.

Question

So why do many kennels and grooming facilities require Bordetella even though it may or may not be a factor in producing Kennel Cough? My dog is not parasitized, healthy, and up-to-date on viral vaccinations or has high titer levels for viruses.

Answer: It's usually because of the perceived liability, an insurance issue, or a regional or state law. Essentially, a dog entering a facility could transmit kennel cough-like disease to the other dogs there. BUT, the unvaccinated dog coming into the facility could not transmit anything to others if they were all vaccinated and truly protected, so why not allow minimally vaccinated dogs to enter there, as long as pet caregivers sign a simple paper “holding the facility harmless”, should another dog there get kennel cough a week or so later? Of course, seeing that Bordetella and other upper respiratory vaccines are not 100% efficacious, this whole issue is somewhat moot. In my opinion, we should not be subjecting these dogs to vaccines against upper respiratory viruses or bacteria needlessly, as all vaccines have the potential to cause adverse reactions. Pet guardians who choose not to give these vaccines should have that choice.

Vaccines

Extenuating circumstances do exist where a pet caregiver must give the Bordetella vaccine to board a companion animal. My preference would be in-home pet sitting or having a friend take care of your pet. Things do happen and sometimes pets need to be boarded.

Tips

- Use the oral or intranasal (sniff) versions as they cause the body to release interferon which helps cross-protect against the other upper respiratory viruses. Injectable Bordetella vaccine does not offer this added benefit.
- Ensure that it is ONLY a Bordetella vaccine and not a combination injectable with adenovirus-2 and parainfluenza vaccines.
- Give it at a minimum (NOT a maximum but a minimum) of two weeks before boarding your pet.

W. Jean Dodds, DVM

## Fun Stuff!



**WE ALL HAVE THAT ONE BROTHER THAT  
LOOKED NOTHING LIKE THEIR PARENTS AT ALL.**

**OVER HERE**



**KIDS GO TO BED**

**MOMMY'S DRUNK**



Hey...notice  
something... ??? YOUR  
DOG.. Isn't here... come  
on guys...send me your  
awesome photos!

**WHEN YOU LIKE  
BIG BUTTS**



**AND YOU CANNOT LIE**

**I LOVE  
EVERYONE  
AND EVERY  
ANIMAL**



**EXCEPT FOR SQUIRRELS  
I HATE SQUIRRELS**

