

Shelbyville Road Veterinary Hospital

5120 Shelbyville Road Indianapolis, Indiana 46237

Web site- [www. Shelbyvilleroadvet.com](http://www.Shelbyvilleroadvet.com) e-mail- shelbyvillerdvethospital@yahoo.com

Business Hours

Monday - Friday
7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closed Sunday

We hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a safe, happy new year. We would also like to thank everyone who has participated in the dog and cat of the month. We want to encourage everyone to bring in or e-mail us pictures and short bios on your pets. The cat/dog of the month will be randomly selected every month and all other pets will be kept for six months. If your pet is chosen we will mail you a \$10 gift certificate to use towards your next visit.

Pet of the Month:



This is Marty; he is a 3 ½ year old Lhasa Apso. He is one of the biggest Lhasa's that his family has ever had, but no worries he has a huge heart to go with his big stature. He loves to be around people and is always up to making new friends. He also enjoys hiking in the woods with his parents, sitting on top of the couch so he can look out the window, and wrestling with his sister Molly.

H3N8: Canine Influenza

Canine influenza is a newly emerging infectious disease which is caused by a "flu" virus. It is highly contagious among dogs and can cause respiratory illness. Here at SRVH we are now offering the H3N8 vaccine for dogs because unless a dog has already had the illness and recovered, virtually every dog exposed to the virus will become infected. Since this is a relatively new virus, dogs have no natural immunity to it.

There have been numerous reports of influenza outbreaks in veterinary clinics, kennels, and shelters. Luckily here at SRVH we haven't had any outbreaks, yet. This is why we are making it part of our policy that all dogs that are boarding with us, being hospitalized for surgery, or are being dropped off to spend the day with us be vaccinated with the H3N8 vaccine.

January Birthdays

Tootsie Alger
Peppy Altom
Teddy Ashburn
Bailey Asher
Capone Benge
Cooper Benge
Fannie Mae Benge
Zack Briel
Zoe Briel
Punky Buckallew
Gage Bullens
Angus Cherry
Casy Costner
Chewy Cox
Ozzy Cox
Daisy Craig
Oreo Cromlich
Sprocket Cromlich
Peaches Dailey
Bob Earle
Zephyr Elder
Chloe Erickson
Bella Franklin
Franklin Griffel
Gracie Snapper Grubaugh
Princess Grubaugh
Spunky Grubaugh

January Birthday's (cont.)

Abbygayle Hammil
 Girl Hardebeck
 Isabell Harrison
 Frisko Hart
 George Herr
 Sadie Hingle
 Jack Hitchcock
 Katie Hoffman
 Sophie Jenkins
 Daisy Johnson
 Rusty Judd
 Martha Kanzler
 Luna Kelsay
 Scooby Kemp
 Charlie King
 Sadie Kinnett
 Molly Lawrence
 Baby Isabella Liveoak
 Bo-J Liveoak
 Hershy Longpre
 Lucy Maples
 Boopa Matasovsky
 Odie Maynard
 Seymour McKernan
 Fang Face McShanog
 Questa Morris
 Binky Nelson
 Winston Nickel
 Tigger Noel
 Gordon Nyberg
 Teddy O'Brien
 Cash Peterkin
 Lucy Peterkin
 Tiger Plake
 Inky Poorman
 Mitzi Ritchie
 Kipper Schaefer
 Amber Sigler
 Clifford Still
 Sassy Still
 Fletcher Taylor
 Dexter Thie
 Kitty Tierney
 Chester Wagner
 Libby West
 Toby Witthaus
 Buddy Wyatt
 Cannon Yates
 Lily Yates

How is Canine Influenza Spread?

Canine influenza spreads the same way that human flu spreads:

- Direct contact- kissing, licking, nuzzling
- Through the air- coughing, sneezing
- Contaminated objects- hands, clothes, toys, food & water dishes

What are the Signs of Canine Influenza?

- Low-grade fever
- Nasal discharge
- Lack of energy
- Loss of appetite.

About 80% of dogs who show signs of influenza will have a mild case.

However, in about 20% of cases there will be more severe signs such as: high fever and pneumonia. If canine influenza is left untreated it can be fatal.

Does My Dog Need to be Vaccinated?

Most dogs are at risk for canine influenza.

Your dog should be vaccinated with the H3N8 vaccine if:

- He/she came from a shelter, breeding kennel, or pet store
- Boards at a kennel or goes to doggie daycare
- Attends group training or puppy classes
- Visits a groomer, dog parks, or interacts with other dogs on daily walks
- Enters dog events
- Comes into contact with other dogs in the waiting room during visits to the vet

*The first time that your dog is vaccinated it requires 2 doses, 2-4 weeks apart followed by annual revaccination.

*We are offering this vaccine at \$40 which covers the first and second dose. If your dog has not recently been seen, a doctor's exam may be needed.