

## Barkology Kennel Cough Disclaimer

Even in the most hygienic, well ventilated, spacious dog facilities the possibility of a dog catching “kennel cough” exists. Canine cough can be acquired from your neighbor’s dog, from an outdoor dog park, indoor dog park or while sitting with your dog on a sidewalk restaurant patio. Your vaccinated dog can STILL pick up kennel cough even after receiving the Bordetella vaccine – much like the flu or common cold, there are many variations to kennel cough, and some are covered by the vaccination while others are not. Vaccines do not have the ability to 100% prevent your dog from contracting a bacteria or virus, vaccines aid in the control of the infection.

Be aware that vaccinating may not offer full protection because of the other infectious agents involved with the virus. Any vaccine takes days to weeks to stimulate the dog’s protective immunity to the disease. Vaccinating a dog the day it is exposed may not be protective. If you plan to expose your dog to other dogs remember to vaccinate a few weeks prior to potential exposure to allow full protective immunity to build up. Most veterinarians recommend the Bordetella vaccine be given every 6 months to maintain a high level of immunity for dogs who are often in social settings.

Barkology is an open-play dog park and bar facility. We are committed to providing exceptional care to canines. Barkology requires all dogs be vaccinated for kennel cough. Barkology disinfects its facility daily and routinely disinfects drinking vessels throughout the day. We are committed to you and your dog having a pleasant and safe experience.