



Canine Influenza Policy and Waiver

Canine Influenza Virus (CIV) is a highly contagious emerging viral pathogen that all dogs are susceptible too. At the Belmont Veterinary Center we require the Canine Influenza vaccines to be administered at least 6 weeks prior to any dog entering our hospital for surgery, grooming, daycare, or boarding. Dogs that have not had the CIV vaccines within 6 weeks of the desired date of entry into our hospital will need to have the vaccine given at least 1 week before the dog(s) is scheduled to enter the hospital.

Any client who wishes to have the CIV vaccine administered the same day of entry into the hospital or wishes not to follow our policy will be required to sign a waiver. This vaccine comes in a series of 2 administered 2-3 weeks apart.

The vaccine is never 100% guarantee. Even with precautions, dogs can still acquire symptoms of canine infectious respiratory diseases (CIRD) due to them being extremely contagious. Nose to nose contact, contact with contaminated objects or being within 20 feet of an infected dog is all it takes to spread the infection. Many factors influence a dogs ability to fight off infections, including stress due to change in environment, enclosed quarters with high population of other dogs, general health, prior vaccination history, exposure levels, extreme changes in humidity and temperature.

I _____, have opted to have the Canine Influenza given the same day of entry into the Belmont Veterinary Center even though it goes against the policy of the hospital. I _____, fully understand that it takes up to 6 weeks after the date of the last in series of the vaccine is given in order for it to be fully effective. Belmont Veterinary Center will not be held liable in any way for failure to follow the recommended guidelines.

Owner Name Printed

Date

Owner Signature

Pet(s) Name