

Dog URI/Kennel Cough Protocol

Process

Consult with vet if at any point dog is not eating, lethargic, febrile.

1. Level One

- a. Symptoms:
 - i. Dry hacking cough, +/- yellow-green nasal discharge
 - ii. Eating and drinking well, normal activity level
 - iii. No fever
- b. Treatment:
 - i. Doxycycline 10 mg/kg PO SID x 10 days

2. Level Two

- a. Symptoms:
 - i. Dry cough, no improvement on doxycycline after 3-5 days. Dog may still have nasal discharge
 - ii. May be less active, decreased appetite
 - iii. No fever
- b. Treatment:
 - i. Azithromycin, 10 mg/kg, PO SID x 3 days, then q 3 days x 3 doses.
 - ii. Nebulize if congested, cough or nasal discharge is significant
 - iii. Review vaccination history and source shelter, discuss with vet if questionable or concern for pneumonia or distemper

3. Level Three

- a. Symptoms:
 - i. Dry cough, labored breathing, +/- nasal discharge, +/- fever
 - ii. Concern for pneumonia, distemper, or other bacterial infection
 - iii. Have not responded to the doxycycline or azithromycin.
- b. **Consult Vet!**
 - i. Baytril +/- azithromycin
 - ii. Nebulize
 - iii. Fluids

ALL EXAM FINDINGS, AND MEDICATIONS MUST BE PUT DIRECTLY INTO THE RECORD.