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## The Kennel Cough Vaccine: 3 Critical Problems

By: [Dana Scott](#)

I'm willing to bet that when your dog's daycare, training facility or kennel asks for a kennel cough vaccine, you vaccinate your dog, right? **Y o u**

want to protect your dog (and other dogs) from illness and you trust your vet or daycare provider to have your dog's best interests at heart.

But before you should give your dog any vaccine, there are questions you should ask:

- Is the vaccine safe?
- Is it effective?
- Is the disease it's intended to prevent dangerous?

I'm about to tell you some things that will make you reconsider whether the kennel cough vaccine is really the best choice for your dog.

### What You Should Know About The Kennel Cough Vaccine

Bordetella, also known as kennel cough, is a vaccine your groomer, boarding kennel, doggie daycare, training facility and vet clinic probably tell you is essential.

It's become a routine requirement for any dog that spends time with other dogs – in other words, nearly all dogs.

That a vaccine exists is surprising in itself. Kennel cough is a self limiting disease that's about as dangerous to your dog as the common cold is to you.

*Most vaccines these days are modified live vaccines. And that's a problem.*

But daycare and boarding facilities worry about it a lot. I'll get to that part in a bit.

When our children get colds, we keep them at home and give them some

chicken soup – that's just common sense. If our dogs catch a cold, we've been led to think that they're carrying a dangerous and highly contagious disease.

So we vaccinate our dogs to prevent kennel cough.

The scary thing is that there are three pretty big problems with this approach:

Problem 1: The Vaccine Doesn't Work All That Well

Here's the reason the common intranasal kennel cough vaccine isn't a terribly good idea:

**There are at least forty agents that cause bordetella ...**

**But only a couple of these agents are contained [in the vaccine.](#)**

This makes the bordetella vaccine a complete shot in the dark. In fact, the vaccine is so ineffective that leading veterinary immunologist Dr Ronald Schultz has stated ...

*Kennel Cough is not a vaccinatable disease. Dr Ronald Schultz*

That's the opinion of the most qualified veterinary immunologist in the world.

But despite this, vets still vaccinate a massive number of dogs for this simple ailment every day. And they continue to recommend the vaccine if your dog's "exposed" to other dogs,

Maybe it's because they figure the vaccine might work – and because the vaccine is just an intranasal spray, it's considered pretty safe, right?

Well, that leads us to the next problem ... Problem 2: The Vaccine Is Not Safe

Most vaccines these days are modified live vaccines. And that's a problem.

It's been shown that the "modified" viruses in human vaccines embed themselves in the genes of the host and can shuffle around and reactivate thirty or more years after vaccination.

According to Patricia Jordan DVM, bacterial vaccines like bordetella can also lurk in the genetic makeup, waiting to replicate and awaken as a disease that could be a much more dangerous than kennel cough.

### ANTI-VACCINOSIS

Anti-Vaccinosis can help remove harmful vaccine side effects without removing vaccine benefits. Unravel the path to

healing ... often in as little as 48 hours! Vaccination of any sort also elevates histamine, which we all know can promote cancer and chronic inflammation.

**But aside from the dangers of the vaccine, here's another interesting fact ...**

Problem 3: Somebody Did Some Bad Math

Here's a little known fact: vaccinated dogs shed the disease into the environment.

Dogs that are vaccinated for kennel cough will shed that disease for up to 7 weeks – and parainfluenza for a week.

That means that after your dog's vaccinated, he can spread bordetella to all the other dogs he comes in contact with. Doesn't that seem like a huge problem?

Let's look at two different daycare scenarios:

#### Daycare # 1

They have 50 dogs a day. They don't require the kennel cough vaccine.

One day a dog walks in with kennel cough. He's sneezing, he's hacking and the smart daycare provider will kindly isolate him for the day and then ask his owners to keep him home for the next few days.

A few other dogs in the daycare might catch his kennel cough. So this is why most daycare facilities insist you vaccinate your dog. Makes sense, right?

Well, not exactly. Let's consider what would happen if all the dogs were vaccinated.

#### Daycare # 2

This daycare also has 50 dogs a day ... but they require the kennel cough vaccine.

If every dog gets the vaccine yearly (though it's often given twice a year), that's 50 dogs a year coming in shedding the kennel cough. And not just for a few days, but for as long as 7 weeks!

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## KENNEL COUGH...from p. 1

And they're shedding influenza too.

The worst part is ... the daycare doesn't know which dog is spreading the disease so they can't ask him to stay home. He's mingling with the other dogs and spreading bordetella all over the joint ... and because the vaccine is so ineffective, a lot of other dogs will catch it.

So, does giving your dog the kennel cough vaccine still sound like a good idea to you?

The next time your vet, daycare, boarding or training facility demands that you vaccinate your dog for kennel cough, you'll probably want to consider some different options.

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WD - Penlan Woods all Hallows Eve, D. Woodall & P. Hirstein  
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## Garlic For Dogs: Poison Or Medicine?

By: Rita Hogan

Can dogs eat garlic?

If you look at any dog-centered poisonous plant list garlic is there. Don't fret! You have nothing to fear and everything to gain.

I'll set your mind at ease by telling you how to properly prepare garlic for dogs for maximum health benefits, and how much you can safely feed your dog.

First, here's why garlic is such a wonderful plant ...

### Garlic's Properties

Garlic is high in inulin, amino acids, sulphur, zinc, potassium and phosphorus. It also contains vitamin A, C, calcium, magnesium, manganese, selenium, germanium and B-complex vitamins.

Garlic's pungent energy warms the body. Pungent herbs move energy upwards and outwards to the body's surface, improving circulation. Garlic also has an affinity for the lungs, large intestine, spleen and stomach.

Garlic helps detoxify the body. It supports beneficial bacteria in the digestive tract and eliminates harmful bacteria. I use it in the fall, winter and early spring as a detox and to balance out the digestive system.

As a liver enhancer, garlic breaks down wastes before they enter the bloodstream. It also helps your dog assimilate nutrients and eliminate wastes through the entire digestive tract.

Garlic is high in sulphur and fructans (inulin and oligofructose). Fructans can cause digestive upset in dogs suffering from leaky gut, inflammatory bowel disease and irritable bowel syndrome. When undigested fructans ferment in the small intestine, they cause bloating, gas and constipation. Your dog's digestive system needs to be healthy before you feed her garlic.

### 6 Ways Garlic Can Help Your Dog

Here are some ways garlic helps keep your dog healthy:

Prevents the formation of blood clots (anti-platelet)

Decreases cholesterol build up (anti-cholesterolemic)

Widens blood vessels (vasodilator)

Helps prevent the formation of tumors

(anti-tumor)

Stimulates the lymphatic system to remove wastes

Antibiotic, antifungal and antiparasitic  
Garlic has other uses in addition to these health benefits.

### Garlic As A Flea And Tick Repellent

Garlic may help you in the war on fleas and ticks if you feed it to your dogs during flea and tick season. It takes a couple of weeks for garlic to build up in your dog's natural coat oil, so start feeding it before the bug season starts.

I don't bathe my dogs too much during flea and tick season. One good soapy wash and you'll have to start the build-up process again. To avoid this, use a Castile soap for bathing, or use cornstarch or Fuller's Earth as a dry shampoo (but use these sparingly ... you don't want to dry out your dog's coat too much).

When using garlic as a flea and tick repellent, feed each day for two weeks, then twice a week for maintenance.

(Note: Garlic is also good for repelling mosquitos. Click here to visit our top mosquito repellent article ...)

### Garlic To Help Fight Cancer

Garlic for dogs has shown promise with cancers of the colon, lung, stomach and rectum. The compounds in garlic increase immunity and enhance natural killer cells. Natural killer cells destroy pathogenic bacteria and cancer cells.

While there are few clinical trials studying the anti-cancer effects of garlic, the National Cancer Institute reports that several population studies show an association between increased garlic intake and reduced risk of several types of cancer.

### Garlic2-DNM

#### The Importance Of Fresh Raw Garlic

My clients always ask, "can I use the pre-chopped garlic in the jar?" or "How about the peeled whole clove garlic in the bag...it's organic?"

My answer is always NO.

When I say fresh, raw garlic I really mean fresh, raw, organically grown garlic ... the kind that stays in the husk until 10 to 15 minutes before you feed your dog.

Buy garlic that's produced in the United States, preferably grown locally or in your own garden. Make sure you know where your garlic comes from. All garlic isn't created equal.

For example, Chinese garlic consistently tests positive for unsafe levels of arsenic, heavy metals and chlorine. Don't risk your dog's health by using it!

So, again, just to be clear: use fresh, raw, organic garlic whenever you're supplementing or feeding garlic for dogs. Nothing from a jar!

### garlic-DNM

Why is this important? It's because you need active enzymes and whole plant synergy to get the true benefits of garlic.

Raw garlic contains two enzymes: allin and alliinase. When you crush, mince or chop garlic, these enzymes combine to create the enzyme allicin. Allicin is the active medicinal ingredient in garlic that gives it those antibiotic, anti-cancer, antiviral and antioxidant properties.

When you feed raw garlic you're getting highly effective whole plant medicine and nutrition. A plant's effectiveness doesn't come from the action of any single chemical. Garlic extracts don't provide the hundreds of chemical constituents working together as they do in a plant. For example, the Kyolic aged garlic extract that you can buy at health food stores doesn't contain any allicin.

Concerns When Using Garlic For Dogs  
Garlic is safe for your dog when you feed it in appropriate amounts as I'll explain later. However, there are some cautions.

### Pregnant Dogs

Always be cautious with any medicine or supplement for pregnant dogs. Consult your holistic veterinarian when feeding garlic to expectant mothers. Garlic also changes the taste of breast milk so avoid feeding it to nursing dogs.

### Puppies

Don't give garlic to puppies under six months. Puppies eight weeks or less

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don't produce new red blood cells so never give them garlic. For puppies aged six months to a year, you can be cautious and feed half the regular dose.

### Breed Specific Issues

Veterinary herbalist Susan Wynn warns against giving garlic to Akitas and Shiba Inus. These breeds are more sensitive to the hemolytic effects of oxidants such as N-propyl disulphide found in garlic. Consult your holistic vet if you have concerns about your dog's breed related risks.

### Drug Interactions

Garlic can interact with several types of medications. Here's the short list:

#### Immune suppressants

Heart medications

Chemotherapy drugs

Blood thinners

Insulin

Antacids

High blood pressure drugs.

Don't use garlic if your dog is on any of these drugs.

Since garlic affects blood clotting don't use it two weeks before any scheduled surgery.

### Why Garlic Scares People

Conventional veterinarians panic when you tell them you're feeding garlic to your dog.

Don't do that – it'll kill her! is a typical response.

That's false.

Garlic related deaths are practically non-existent compared to the number of deaths that frequently-prescribed drugs like Rimadyl cause.

Here's an excerpt from Veterinary Pet Insurance's website:

#### Garlic1-DNM

Wow! That's quite a scary warning. My sixteen-year-old pug should have died when he was two.

### Research Caused The Misunderstanding

The reason for this misleading information is that most research studies base their findings on the effects of garlic extracts, excessive dosages and unnatural delivery methods. Researchers rarely use fresh garlic for dogs because it's difficult to measure variances in whole plant medicine. Evidence-based research doesn't know what to do with the "food as medicine" paradigm.

One study in particular helped create garlic's reputation as a food that can harm your dog. This study by K W Lee et al fed 5 grams of garlic per kilo per day to the dogs.

That's an excessive amount. It means you'd need to feed about four full heads of garlic (or 60 cloves) to a 75 lb Golden Retriever, or 23 grams of garlic (6 to 8 cloves) to a 10 lb dog, before they'd experience any adverse effects.

Definitely don't feed this much!

Garlic contains thiosulphate, the chemical responsible for causing Heinz body hemolytic anemia. This type of anemia causes oxidative damage to red blood cells that shortens their life. Red blood cells oxygenate tissues. Hemolytic anemia causes a decrease in these cells, which can lead to sickness and even death. Symptoms of hemolytic anemia include diarrhea, loss of appetite, lethargy, pale gums, rapid breathing and dark urine.

Want to avoid hemolytic anemia? Feed the right kind of garlic (by now you know that means fresh) and the correct dosage.

Proper dosages of raw garlic don't contain high levels of thiosulphate. Bone marrow continually produces red blood cells. This means your dog would have to receive an excessive dose over a long period of time – or an extremely large dose – to cause death.

### How To Prepare Garlic For Dogs

Mixing allin and alliinase forms allicin, the active medicinal ingredient in garlic.

Peel the cloves then mince, chop or crush your fresh garlic and let it sit 10 to 15 minutes before use. Allicin degrades

quickly, so use the garlic immediately after the "sitting" period for maximum benefit. I measure and chop up my garlic and set my timer for 10 minutes. Measure out the right amount of garlic for your dog's body weight and mix it into her food.

### How Much Garlic Should You Give Your Dog?

For consistency and exact dosing, I use a measuring spoon. Clove size differs so using cloves as a measurement is subject to interpretation.

Using a level measuring spoon, feed the following amount per day, according to your dog's weight:

#### garlic-for-dogs-how-much-to-give

I use garlic in the fall, winter and early spring, while some people use it all year. When feeding garlic for health, I recommend feeding garlic every other week. Work with your holistic practitioner to find the most effective garlic supplementation schedule for your individual dog.

### A Last Word On Garlic For Dogs

Everything in nature can be toxic in certain amounts. Common salt can kill and so can water. Yes, garlic for dogs may be dangerous when fed improperly, but that shouldn't keep you from using it now that you know how to do it safely.

Don't think you can get the dosage right? Don't want to mince, chop or crush garlic throughout the week? Don't have time to let it sit for 10 to 15 minutes before use?

Then don't feed garlic to your dog. It's that simple.

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RWD - Beauideal Hamilton  
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Sweepstakes: Judge Carol Filer  
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Orders are being accepted  
through November and December  
(the promotion does not end Oct.  
31) , but quantities are limited so  
get your order in soon!



## Understanding Dog Eye Discharge

Your dog's eyes can build up gunk and produce tears for many reasons, and though it might be unsightly, it's usually perfectly benign. But sometimes, it calls for a quick visit to the vet. Either way, here's what that gross stuff is all about and how you should handle it.

### What's That Discharge?

Your dog's eye discharge could be clear and runny or yellowish-green and thick. It is a symptom, not a disease, and if the condition is mild and your dog has an otherwise normal energy level and appetite, you can safely monitor her or him for a few days to see if the condition clears up on its own.

The most common eye discharges are:

- Those caused by environmental irritants like dirt or dust, which is normal. A dog's natural response is to clean this gunk out by producing enough tears to get rid of it. Certain breeds will have more discharge than others. Watch for physical changes to the eye, which requires a trip with your pup to the vet.

- Just like humans, dogs can get dry eye, when they fail to produce enough eye-cleansing tears. Symptoms can include inflammation and mucus. The problem is that without the lubricating effect of tears, the eyelid can scratch the eye surface just by opening and closing, and corneal ulcers could result.

- Dogs, especially breeds like retrievers, setters, and terriers, can experience allergies to things like grass and pollen. Signs include excessive scratching, irritated skin, runny eyes, and pawing at the eye. Oftentimes, an over-the-counter sterile eye wash can produce relief.

- Epiphora is the fancy vet term for excessive tearing from your dog's eyes. It can be a sign of a simple tear duct blockage or a more serious eye problem. Tell-tale signs are excessive wetness, an unpleasant odor, and brownish-red staining underneath the eyes. It often clears up on its own. If it's still a problem after a couple of days, give the vet a call.

### When to Visit the Vet

**There are times where it's best to schedule a vet appointment immediately. If the eye discharge is a color like yellow or green, or if your dog is rubbing or pawing at the affected eye, it's always better to err on the side of caution and make sure his or her eyesight is not at risk.**

- Conjunctivitis, aka pink eye, is indicated by clear or pus-like gunk and/

## Ambassador for the Breed - What Does That Really Mean?

By Diane Blackwood

When we say to someone that we want our dogs to be an "ambassador for the breed", what does that really mean and what does your dog need to do to be considered an ambassador? You could say you want your dog to be well-behaved, be approachable by people and other dogs as well as to be patient with both. You also want to know that whenever you take your dog, he will be able to adjust to the situation and environment

If you think about this, you will realize that your dog is only one-half of the equation. It is really an equal partnership between the dog and owner. Getting to ambassador status requires an educated owner who can bring out the best potential in their canine partner.

It all starts when somebody is interested in our breed. They may know someone who has a Ridgeback, saw a Ridgeback at a park and talked to the owner, talked to a breeder for information or may have even gone to a dog show. We, the breeders and owners, are responsible for the well-being and protection of our dogs and placing them responsibly in forever homes with educated owners is key.

When we place a puppy or rehome an adult, or when we mentor a new owner, we are helping to develop a new team and this is when the real work and dedication begins. Your new people have been educated by you and they know your dogs have all their health checks and are ready to start their new lives. The new owners are confident that you are only a phone away, 24/7, if they have any questions or problems.

We all want our puppies to thrive and do well. The main thing that puppies need is to be socialized. It doesn't matter if they are show or pet. They need to fit into their new lives. Puppy classes are wonderful, as are puppy play groups and being out in public. You want them to be comfortable in any situation. If you have

kids that do sports then take the puppy with you. I know some people who take their puppies to work. Get creative...take them and walk around town or to a farmers market, visit a friends house and do anything you can do to make them comfortable wherever you take them. There are many things you can do, just use your imagination.

We also need to remember that the way we respond to the people who are interested in our breed reflects on the way they feel about our breed. We need to answer all their questions fully, even though we have been asked the same questions a million times before. We have to remember that at one time we too were the ones with all the questions. I know I was! I bless Barbara Brown...she had to deal with me for a year and a half. I can't count the number of calls she got from me during that year and a half before Matt Dillon came into my life. I always think about how kind she was to me during that process. Not only did I end up with a wonderful dog, but I also enjoyed Barbara as my mentor and friend. I think about her example of patience when I talk with new people. Needless to say, the time and effort to help others is well worth it in so many ways. Thanks Barbara, you taught me well.

We can all be good ambassadors for the breed - both dogs and humans. I promise that if you, as breeders and owners, put in the work your dog will make you proud.



## Can You Use Neosporin on Dogs?

By Alexandra Anastasio

Just like their owners, dogs are susceptible to minor injuries and are not immune to getting cuts, scrapes, or burns. But can you use Neosporin® on dogs? The answer isn't completely straightforward. In some instances, applying the topical antibiotic ointment can help heal your dog's wound, but there are situations when it is not advisable or necessary to use it on your canine companion.

Since most people immediately reach for some type of ointment when an incident occurs, it's not unusual that your first instinct might be to do the same for your dog. But before you go ahead and start applying Neosporin, there are a few things to take into consideration.

With abrasions (scrapes and scratches), you should first clean and flush the wound with soap and water, then rinse thoroughly and pat dry. Your veterinarian should see all puncture or penetrating wounds, including dog bites, as soon as possible.

Neosporin is comprised of three different antibiotics: bacitracin, neomycin, and polymyxin B. Together, they work to kill bacteria on the skin and prevent topical infection. Dr. Rachel Barrack, a licensed veterinarian, certified in both veterinary acupuncture and Chinese herbology with Animal Acupuncture in New York City, points out that Neosporin has been formulated for people and is not necessarily safe for use on dogs.

"Bacitracin has been deemed safe for use on animals, as has polymyxin B. However, neomycin has been linked to loss of hearing," she says. "This was primarily shown with intravenous use, but it is recommended that you do not administer neomycin topically to your dog without first consulting your vet."

Because Neosporin is topical and applied directly onto the skin, there's always a chance that your dog could have an allergic reaction. It's a good idea to administer a small patch test first. The best way to do this is by picking a small area of skin and applying a tiny dab of Neosporin, then monitor the area to see if your dog develops a mild rash, redness, or hives.

"Typically, small amounts of Neosporin are not harmful," says Dr. Danel Grimmer, a veterinarian with Sunset Veterinary Clinic in Oklahoma. By performing a patch test in advance, you'll know

for certain whether your dog can tolerate this antibacterial cream before he really needs it.

The advantage of using Neosporin is that it kills off any live, existing bacteria, and stops them from growing. When applied to the skin, it helps to create a physical barrier against bacteria to prevent them from entering the wound and offers protection against infection. But there are some instances in which applying it to your dog might do more harm than good.

If your dog's wound is located in a spot that's easily reachable, he might try licking the Neosporin off, which not only defeats the purpose but also might make your pup sick.

"The main concern regarding ingestion of Neosporin is the potential impact to the GI flora (normal gut bacteria), resulting in GI upset such as vomiting and diarrhea," explains Dr. Grimmer. "A second potential cause of GI upset would be the lubricant base, which could also give them diarrhea, etc."

You can try covering the area with a sterile dressing, but Dr. Grimmer points out that not all dogs tolerate bandaging, and the same desire to lick something off their skin will most likely prompt them to chew, as well. "A bandage can act as a tourniquet, reducing adequate blood flow to extremities, if not managed well," he says. "Great care must be taken to prevent any constriction."

Other instances when Neosporin would not be beneficial to your dog are if he is bleeding heavily, the wound is deep, or appears to be severe. In these circumstances, it's important to call your veterinarian or nearest animal hospital immediately for assistance.

While using Neosporin to treat a minor injury to your dog may be fine at times, there are several products that are designed specifically for canines and completely safe, even if ingested.

Whatever type of injury your dog sustains, it's important to first talk with your veterinarian before administering any new medications, especially if they're made for humans. "Your veterinarian is better equipped to treat your dog's potential infections than you are at home," says Dr. Barrack.

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or excessive redness in and around the eye. This serious inflammation of the thin clear tissue that lies over the eye's white part needs to be treated by a professional. Keep in mind the condition can be transmitted to you, so make sure you wash your hands after handling your dog if you suspect this might be the reason for the eye discharge.

- Senior dogs and some breeds like cocker spaniels and poodles are predisposed to both primary and secondary glaucoma. The first occurs when fluid gets backed up in the eye and the second is brought on by trauma like injury, inflammation, or cancer. Both block eye drainage. If your pup has eye bulging or clouding, excessive blinking, or dilated pupils, her or his ocular pressure should be checked so treatment can be prescribed.

### What You Can Do

**First, don't use any product until you consult with your vet, and when applying them use a clean damp towel, as your bare fingers can harm this sensitive area. You can also try trimming the hair around your dog's eyes. And a change in diet could be beneficial. If home remedies aren't doing the trick, take your pooch in for a checkup!**

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Janet was a member of AMSC for many years and has recently lapsed. She is now re-applying. She has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for twelve years and loves the breed. Her second Miniature Schnauzer was purchased from Linda Drost, Attaway kennel. She is not a breeder. She is retired and her dogs are Champion companions. She attends 4 or 5 events each year. Janet is interested in helping with the Health Committee. She also hopes to rejoin the Mt. Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club.

**Janet's sponsors are Silvia Soos-Kazel and Barbara Donahue**



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