

## Upper Respiratory Infection Kennel Cough

All animals in our shelter are exposed to many different “bugs” while here, the same as children are exposed to different “bugs” in a daycare. We work tirelessly and make every effort to control this problem, but with the multitude of animals that come into our shelter it is a constant battle.

In the case of the new pet you have adopted, it has been exposed to a group of “bugs:” that MAY cause your pet to become sick in the next few days. The most common problem we see is Upper Respiratory Infection in cats and Kennel Cough in dogs. Sneezing, nasal discharge and coughing are some of the typical symptoms you may see.

This infection is typically treated with medications to control symptoms, but it can persist for 3-21 days before the infection clears. Most animals DO get over this problem, but it can be costly and at times frustrating.

**This infection is CONTAGIOUS to the other pets in your house, (cat to cat and dog to dog) but it is not contagious to you or your “human” family members.**

The Humane Society regrets that this MAY occur with your pet, but due to the financial constraints of this organization, we are unable to assist you with the expenses arising from treatment of this problem. The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast is **NOT** and **CANNOT** be responsible for the treatment of any Upper Respiratory Infection or Kennel Cough in an adopted animal, and there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Please be advised that if your new pet shows any of the signs described above, seek attention from your veterinarian.