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Dear Client,

As you may or may not know, Flu is big news this season, and not just for humans. Dogs, too, can get their own kind of flu, known as canine influenza virus (CIV), dog flu or simply "Type A H3N8." Although it is not the same as the human variety, isn't seasonal and people can't catch it, dog flu is highly contagious to other dogs. Because canine flu is relatively new, dogs have no natural immunity. And since it's highly contagious, visiting places where dogs congregate, such as kennels, doggie daycares, dog parks, or groomers, puts dogs at higher risk for catching this new virus. Making things more difficult is the fact that dogs can spread the virus before the coughing and other signs of sickness appear.

Canine influenza is a respiratory disease that can cause coughing, runny nose, and/or loss of appetite. With proper care, most dogs generally recover. However, canine influenza can lead to more severe or even life-threatening infections, such as pneumonia, and has been fatal in up to 8% of cases. Canine Influenza is extremely contagious, spreading by licking, sneezing and coughing (with aerosol spreading up to 20 feet). It can remain on surfaces for 24-48 hours.

The best way to protect your dog from canine influenza is through vaccination. Fortunately, a vaccine is now available that aids in the control of disease caused by canine influenza. This vaccine has been safely administered to half a million dogs to date. We at Spring Meadow Veterinary Clinic strongly encourage all dogs be vaccinated for Canine Influenza and have vaccine available at this time.

Please call us to discuss any questions you might have or to set up an appointment. To give your dog the most complete protection, the initial vaccination requires two doses of vaccine given 2 to 4 weeks apart, followed by a single booster dose given annually.

Spring Meadow Veterinary Clinic will vaccinate dogs with the Influenza vaccine for a special promotional price of \$32*. (*Promotional Price includes Initial vaccine as well as the 2nd booster in 2 to 3 weeks.) Immunity takes approximately 35 days after initial vaccine, so please plan ahead for the upcoming holiday season!

Please call us to set up an appointment at 419-289-2466.

Sincerely,

Spring Meadow Veterinary Clinic

Canine Influenza Vaccine Coupon

Bring this coupon in to Spring Meadow Vet Clinic
to receive the Canine Influenza Vaccine at the
Special Promotional Price of \$32

Present coupon to receive promotional price

(Offer Expires December 31, 2010)

