**November 24, 2023**

**Notice for Canine Respiratory Disease**

Official or anecdotal reports of increased cases of canine respiratory disease have been reported in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, and Massachusetts.

In Alaska, we received reports of increased cases of canine respiratory illnesses from one clinic in Southeast Alaska in September and one clinic in Southcentral in October.

If you are seeing a higher-than-normal number of canine respiratory cases in your clinic, or increased severity of cases, please contact our office at 907-375-8215. We are interested in syndromic surveillance, as well as diagnosed reportable diseases. In some cases, we are able to coordinate or assist with diagnostics. If we receive multiple reports from one area, we will notify veterinarians and can assist with public outreach, as needed.

Cases reported to the Oregon Department of Agriculture describe 3 clinical syndromes:

- Chronic mild-moderate tracheobronchitis with a prolonged duration (6-8 weeks or longer) that is minimally responsive to antibiotics.

- Chronic pneumonia that is minimally or not responsive to antibiotics

- Acute pneumonia that rapidly becomes severe and often leads to poor outcomes in as little as 24-36 hours.

We are encouraging pet owners to work with their veterinarian regarding their pet’s health and what vaccines may be appropriate for their dogs, particularly if the dog will be traveling or in situations with groups of other dogs.

We appreciate all that you do to care for the animals and their families in your communities!

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