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Gratitude for our Pets

As we enter the season of gratitude, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the unconditional love our pets bring into our lives. They remind us to live in the moment—to celebrate small joys, embrace routine, and find comfort in simple things like a walk, a nap in the sun, or a tail wag at the end of a long day.

At Brookwood, we're grateful every day for the pets who fill our resort with laughter, paw prints, and personality. Each furry guest brings their own sparkle to our community, and we're honored to be part of their lives.



Danyelle, Hailey, Natalie



Ariana, Jess, Meagan, Emily, Becky, Gabe

Gratitude for our Staff

We are grateful for the owner, Mike, who has prioritized staff training, safety, cleanliness, & security. We are proud to share the accomplishments of our staff this year:

- All staff is now pack pro certified in customer service, dog body language & play group management.
- Senior staff is pet CPR & first aid certified.
- Emily, one of our two assistant managers, took a trip to Pack Pro HQ in Buffalo NY this year to attend their day care masterclass training.
- Mike installed Aerapy UV lights within our ventilation systems to help sanitize the air that circulates through the building.

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Thanksgiving Foods

It's tempting to share your holiday feast with your furry friend, but many Thanksgiving foods can upset your dog's stomach—or worse. Rich or toxic foods can cause vomiting, diarrhea, or even pancreatitis. Stick to small amounts, a few safe bites are plenty. Think of it as a taste of the holiday, not a full plate!

Okay in small amounts:

- plain, cooked turkey (no skin or bones)
- Plain sweet potato or pumpkin
- Plain green beans, carrots, or other veggies.

Foods to avoid:

- fatty dishes
- gravy
- onions
- desserts
- anything seasoned



Ziggy



Murphy

Book Now!

The holidays are right around the corner—be sure to book your pet's boarding and grooming appointments early, as spaces fill up fast! Don't forget to ask about having your pet participate in one or more of our add on activities. Give your furry friend a fun and stress-free stay at Brookwood this season.



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Kennel Cough

What is it?

Kennel cough (officially canine infectious respiratory disease complex) is a contagious infection affecting a dog's respiratory system. It can be caused by a mix of bacteria and viruses such as *Bordetella bronchiseptica* and canine parainfluenza.

It's similar to a cold in humans—annoying but usually mild.

How it spreads:

Like the common cold, kennel cough spreads through airborne droplets from coughing or sneezing, or by contact with contaminated surfaces, toys, or bowls. Environmental irritants (like pollen) may increase the likelihood of some dogs developing kennel cough.

Timeline:

- 2–14 days: Incubation period
- 7–14 days: Typical duration of symptoms
- 10 days: Dogs may still be contagious after symptoms resolve

Symptoms to watch for:

- Dry, hacking cough ("honking" sound)
- Retching or gagging
- Sneezing or nasal discharge
- Mild fatigue or decreased appetite

How serious is it?

Most healthy dogs recover on their own, but puppies, seniors, or dogs with weakened immune systems may need medical care. Always call your vet if your dog seems unwell, has a persistent cough, or shows signs of lethargy or loss of appetite.

Prevention:

While no vaccine prevents every case, the *Bordetella* vaccine helps reduce both the severity and spread of kennel cough. There is no true protection, just as there isn't for the human cold or flu.



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