

Parainfluenza

Parainfluenza is closely associated with Kennel Cough (Canine Infectious Tracheobronchitis). Canine cough is a complex of respiratory infections involving at least one type of virus and one type of bacteria. The most common virus is parainfluenza. The most common bacterium is *Bordetella bronchiseptica* or kennel cough. Thus, canine cough is actually a mixed infection, starting with a virus and being complicated by bacteria.

Parainfluenza virus is included in most vaccine combinations. Although it will not protect entirely against canine cough, it does protect against the most common virus that initiates the condition. To completely protect against canine cough, the Kennel Cough or Bordetella vaccine should also be given.