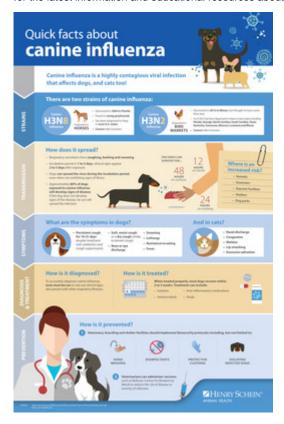


Henry Schein Animal Health's Canine Influenza Resource Center Helps Raise Awareness Of Disease And Promotes Prevention Amid Outbreaks

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Web-Based Hub Offers Downloadable Infographic That Veterinary Practices Can Share Online and With Their Clients

MELVILLE, N.Y., Feb. 22, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- In recognition of recent canine influenza outbreaks across the country, Henry Schein Animal Health, the U.S. animal health business of Henry Schein, Inc. (Nasdaq: HSIC), reminds veterinarians to visit its web-based <u>Canine Influenza Resource Center</u> for the latest information and educational resources about the disease's risk factors, symptoms, and treatment options.



To help facilitate practitioners' conversations about canine influenza with their clients, the resource center contains a <u>downloadable infographic</u> that veterinary practices can post to their websites and share on social media.

According to the infographic—which sources information from the American Veterinary Medical Association and Merck Animal Health's Dogflu.com—there are two strains of canine influenza that affect dogs and cats alike: H3N2 and H3N8. As of 2017, cases of canine influenza have been found in most U.S. states, with an increased risk of infection in kennels, groomers, shelters, doggy daycare facilities, and dog parks.

The infographic also offers information about canine influenza symptoms that pet owners should watch for. In dogs, symptoms can include a persistent cough for 10 to 21 days, nose or eye discharge, sneezing, lethargy, resistance to eating, and fever. For cats, symptoms can include nasal discharge, congestion, malaise, lip smacking, and excessive salivation.

More information about the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of canine influenza can be found in the infographic and by watching <u>Understanding Canine Flu</u>, a video interview with Merck Animal Health's Dr. Melissa Bourgeois about the disease's spread and the steps veterinarians and pet parents can take to protect animal health. The interview is part of #ScheinChats. Henry Schein's signature social media series.

"As canine influenza outbreaks appear in communities across the country, it is more important than ever for veterinarians to speak with their clients about the disease's risk factors and warning signs," said Fran Dirksmeier, President, Henry Schein Animal Health, North America. "Through our Canine Influenza Resource Center, practitioners can rely on us to help them have that conversation. By raising awareness and promoting disease prevention, we at Henry Schein Animal Health are dedicated to helping create better-informed pet parents and a healthier pet population."

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