

Illness and Injury Handout

Symptoms	I must stay home if...	I may return when...
 <p>Coughing</p>	A persistent (more than a few hours), unexplained cough. May sound like gagging, choking, hacking or something stuck in the throat.	For Kennel Cough, I haven't coughed for 10 days. For anything else, I haven't coughed for at least 2 full days and/or I've been seen by a vet and given the OK to return to daycare.
 <p>Vomiting</p>	More than one unexplained bout of vomiting within an 8-hour period. Especially if accompanied by lethargy, diarrhea, dehydration, loss of appetite or other signs of distress.	I appear to be back to 100% normal; I have successfully kept down at least two meals; and/or I've been seen by a vet and given the OK to return to daycare.
 <p>Diarrhea</p>	More than two unexplained bouts of diarrhea within an 8-hour period. Especially if accompanied by lethargy, vomiting, dehydration, loss of appetite or other signs of distress.	I have been diarrhea free for at least two full days, and/or a stool sample taken to the vet has come back negative and I've been given the OK to return to daycare.
 <p>Wounds</p>	The presence of stitches (internal or external) or any open wounds that have not fully closed. Especially if the site is wet, seeping, swollen or inflamed.	If spayed/neutered, two weeks have passed since my surgery and all stitches have been removed. All my incisions or wounds are clean and closed, and my vet has given me the OK to return to daycare.
 <p>Parasites</p>	Visible evidence of worms, fleas, flea dirt (black/reddish specks), ticks, or other parasites. Worms may be evident in stool. Biting parasites may cause frequent, persistent scratching or chewing, especially around the ears, tail, flanks and belly.	I have no physical or clinical evidence of parasites. Vets recommend that I be treated for both internal and external parasites on a monthly basis and get a fecal test twice a year.
 <p>Infection</p>	Bacterial or viral infections that can be transmitted to other dogs or cause reactivity in their presence. Includes puppy papilloma (warts) in/around the mouth or feet, conjunctivitis (pink eye), severe ear infections, and kidney or urinary tract infections.	For oral warts, I can return when they are visibly gone (typically 3-4 weeks). For other infections, I have been treated by a vet and given the OK to return to daycare.
 <p>Hospitalization</p>	Any overnight stay at a vet or treatment facility, for any reason other than simple boarding	I have spent at least one full day at home, symptom free, and appear to be back to 100% normal.