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The federal government recently approved the release of the first canine vaccine to protect your pet against the spread and infection of Canine Influenza.

Dr. James Cook, President of the American Veterinary Medical Association remarked on the new Canine Influenza Vaccine, **"This is significant, because the (dog) flu may be deadly and the vaccine will no doubt save lives."**

As with people canine influenza is highly contagious. Dogs that come in contact with other dogs, boarding, grooming, show circuit, dog parks, training facilities, etc. are particularly vulnerable.

Dog breeds that have pushed in noses (Pugs, Bull Dogs, Pekingese, Shi-Tzu, etc) are at the highest risk for mortality from dog flu.

The disease is present in New York and has been identified in our state by the Cornell University Animal Health Diagnostic Center.

Please consider protecting your pet from canine influenza. The vaccine is an initial two dose protocol given two weeks apart. After that a yearly booster will protect your pet. Please contact us at 845-331-0240 ext 12 so that we may make arrangements for your pet to receive this valuable protection.

In closing thank you for being proactive in protecting your dogs health.

Sincerely,

The Doctors and Staff of Kingston Animal Hospital, PC