

Hot Zone Bulletin

SUBJECT: DISEASES FROM DOGS

Although dogs can pass germs to people, you are not likely to get sick from touching or owning dogs. To best protect yourself from getting sick, thoroughly wash your hands with running water and soap after contact with dogs, dog saliva, or dog feces (stool).

Dogs can carry a variety of germs that can make people sick. Some of these germs are common and some are rare. For example, puppies may pass the bacterium *Camphylobacter* in their feces (stool). This germ can cause diarrhea in people. Puppies and some adult dogs often carry a variety of parasites that can cause rashes or illness in people. Less often, dogs in urban or rural areas can the bacterium *Leptospira* (lep-TO-spy-ruh). This germ causes the disease leptospirosis (lep-to-spi-roh-sis) in people and animals. Dogs can carry rabies (see Hot Zone Bulletin – Rabies), a deadly viral disease. Rabies from dogs is rare in the United States.

Some people are more likely than others to get diseases from dogs. A person's age and health status may affect his or her immune system, increasing the chances of getting sick. People who are more likely to get diseases from dogs include infants, children younger than 5 years old, organ transplant patients, people with HIV/AIDS, and people being treated for cancer.

To protect yourself from dog related diseases, use the following practices:

1. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after touching pet feces (stool)
2. Avoid pet scratches and bites
3. If you are scratched or bitten by a pet, wash the area with soap and running water immediately
4. Vaccinate your cats and dogs against rabies

A RECOMMENDED SOLUTION



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CANINE EFFICACY

Bordatella (Kennel Cough)
 Canine Parvovirus (CPV)
 Canine Adenovirus
 Canine Distemper
 Canine Parainfluenza Virus
 Canine Hepatitis
 Infectious Bronchitis Virus
 Rabies Virus

FELINE EFFICACY

Feline Calicivirus (virulent strain)
 Feline Infectious Peritonitis
 Feline leukemia virus
 Feline Panleukopenia
 Feline Picornavirus
 Feline Rhinotrachetis

AVIAN EFFICACY

Avian Influenza A H9N2
 Avian Laryngotrachetis
 Avian Influenza A H5N1 Virus
 Avian Reovirus

Please see product specification sheet for a complete efficacy list.

