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## Summit Bridge Veterinary Hospital, LLC

### Canine Influenza Waiver

Summit Bridge Veterinary Hospital **HIGHLY RECOMMENDS** the Canine Influenza vaccine for all dogs entering our kennel building and staying in our boarding facility, or receiving grooming services- This is for your pet's own safety. While we **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** the Flu Vaccine, you may elect to opt out of this recommendation by signing below.

#### What is Canine Influenza?

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Canine Influenza (CI), or more commonly known as dog flu, is a highly contagious respiratory infection in dogs that is caused by an Influenza A virus. In the U.S., Canine Influenza has been caused by two influenza strains.

- H3N8 Influenza A virus reported in the United States, 2004

This strain is closely related to the virus that causes equine influenza, and it is thought that the equine influenza virus mutated to produce the canine strain.

- H3N2 Influenza virus reported in Chicago, 2015

The strain causing the 2015 breakout was almost genetically identical to an h3n2 strain previously reported only in Asia – specifically, Korea, China, and Thailand. This H3N2 strain is believed to have resulted from the direct transfer of an avian influenza virus possibly from among viruses circulating in live bird markets to dogs.

Since March 2015, thousands of dogs have been confirmed positive for H3N2 Canine Influenza across the U.S.

More Info can be found at <https://www.avma.org/canine-influenza-faq>

*I, initial here, understand the flu vaccine is recommended by SBVH and I acknowledge and accept full responsibility of any condition my dog may contract at SBVH without the flu vaccine. I further agree to not hold SBVH, their agents or staff liable in any way for any illness related to the lack of the vaccine.*

Dogs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_