

Kansas State veterinarians help dog owners diagnose coughing

Dogs may cough as they drag you down the street with their leash, when they become excited and even when they're sleeping.

"Dogs cough occasionally, just like humans, but persistent or frequent coughing isn't normal," said Susan Nelson, assistant professor at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at Kansas State University. "Coughs are symptoms telling owners that something is wrong with the dog's windpipe and/or lungs," said William Fortney, assistant professor of diagnostic medicine/pathobiology at K-State.

When your dog coughs, it is using a protective mechanism by trying to expel an offending material or increased mucus or phlegm that is produced by the inflamed lung or windpipe, Fortney said.

The cough may be intermittent or almost constant. Coughs can be

mild or severe and cause a gagging or vomiting reflex at the end of a coughing fit.

They can be productive by dislodging mucus or nonproductive when nothing is dislodged.

"Dogs contract coughs from infections, including fungi, airborne viruses and bacteria and certain parasites, such as heartworms, parasite migration through the lungs, asthma and bronchitis," Nelson said.

Allergies, heart conditions, wind pipe disease, tumors or cancers of the lungs and inhalation from foreign particles, such as cigarette smoke, also can lead to a cough. Depending on the cause of the cough, it can last from hours to days or it can be a lifelong problem. If your dog's cough lasts for more than five days, you should be concerned, Fortney said.

Coughs also can be seasonal, especially if the cough is a result of allergies, Nelson said.

Infectious agents, viruses and bacterium tend to occur more in the fall and winter months, but not always, Fortney said.

"If the cough is caused by infections, some dogs get over them on their own when their immunity kicks in," Fortney said.

"Other pets require antibiotics, heartworm treatments, allergy medication or occasional surgery to remove a tumor.

"Cough medicine may help in some mild cases."

Nelson and Fortney recommend taking your coughing dog to the veterinarian for an exam.

The veterinarian will perform tests to determine the actual cause of the cough and find the best treatment plan for your dog.

Tips offered on car repair shops

Dear Attorney General Kline: I recently purchased a used car from a friend of mine. I need to find a repair shop but I'm concerned about getting ripped off. What should I look for when choosing a garage?

Dear Kansas Consumer: The absolute best way to avoid auto repair rip-offs is to be prepared. In addition to knowing some of the basics as to how your vehicle works, it's important to know how to find a reliable shop, the kinds of questions to ask and your rights as a consumer.

When looking for a repair shop it's best to ask for recommendations from friends, family, and other people you trust.

It's also a good idea to find a good repair shop before you actually need one to avoid being rushed into any last-minute decisions. In addition, make sure the shop will honor your vehicle's warranty.

You can save some time if you shop around by telephone for the best deal, and compare warranty policies on various repairs. Contact your local Better Business Bureau to see if there's a record of complaints about particular repair shops.

You can call my Consumer Protection Division to find out if the Attorney General has ever filed an enforcement action against a business.

You can also learn more by calling the Consumer Information line at 785-296-2424, and listening to category 4, message number 7.

Qualified repair technicians are also very important. Be sure to ask if the technician or shop has experience working on the same make or model vehicle as yours.

Look for shops that display various certifications - like an Automotive Service Excellence seal. Certification indicates that some or all of the technicians meet basic standards of knowledge and competence in specific technical areas. Make sure the certifications are current, but remember that certification alone is not a guarantee of good or honest work.

Prior to arranging to have any work performed, make sure you ask how the shop prices its work.

Some shops charge a flat rate for labor on auto repairs based on an independent or manufacturer's estimate of the time required to complete the repairs.

Other shops charge on the basis of the actual time the technician worked on the repair.

If you need expensive or complicated repairs, or if you have any questions about recommended work, consider getting a second opinion.

If you do decide to get the work done, ask for a written estimate which should identify the condition to be repaired, the parts needed and the anticipated labor charge.

Make sure you get a signed copy which states that the shop will contact you for approval before they do any work exceeding a specified amount of time or money.

If you run into a dispute regarding billing, quality of repairs or



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warranties, document all transactions as well as your experiences with dates, times, expenses and the names of people you dealt with. Talk with the shop manager or owner first.

If that doesn't work, contact my Consumer Protection Division for help.

Another option is to file a claim in small claims court - you don't need an attorney to do this.

Your vehicle is a substantial in-

vestment. By following the manufacturer's maintenance schedule in your owner's manual for your type of driving, you can protect that investment and keep those costly repairs to a minimum.

Editor's note: Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help people avoid becoming victims of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions. For information or to file a complaint, please write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave., 2nd Floor, Topeka, Kansas 66612, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, 1-800-432-2310.

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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	La Gente	BusinessWeek	Good Morning America (CC)		Lilo & Stitch	Buzz on Maggie	Proud Family	That's Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of Future	College Football	
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	Today (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Tutenstein (E)	Time Warp	Trading Spaces	Darcy's Wild Life	Flight 29 Down	Endurance (E)
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)				LazyTown	Go Diego	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Little Bill (E) (CC)	Blue's Clues	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG 2	Business	MarketMarket	Thomas & Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Real Wheels	DragonflyTV	Kids A Cookin'	Scoreboard	Barbecue	Food	Victory Garden
ESPN 28	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter	College Gameday (Live) (CC)			College Football	
USA 37	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	WWE A.M. Raw			Movie: Bring It On Again (2004, Comedy) Anne Judson-Yager, Bree Turner. (CC)			Movie: Wildcats ** (1986) Goldie Hawn.	
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie: Troop Beverly Hills ** (1989, Comedy) Shelley Long. (CC)					Movie: Matilda (1996) A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.			Movie: The Other Sister ** (1999)	
WGN 39	Enterprise	Adelante Chicago	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Winning Edge	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Health Corner
TNT 40	Movie: Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever * (2002, Action) (CC)			Movie: Malice **½ (1993) Dark secrets surface after a woman's emergency surgery. Alec Baldwin. (CC)						Movie: The Juror (1996) A hit man is sent to sway a woman's vote in a murder trial.		
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	MythBusters Hosts test urban legends.		MythBusters Ping-pong balls lift boat.			MythBusters Buried in Concrete (CC)	MythBusters Buried Alive (CC)	
A&E 47	Murder, She Wrote (CC)		Biography: Johnny Cash: Man in Black		Ask This Old	Ask This Old	Old House	Old House		Movie: Superman II **½ (1980, Fantasy) Christopher Reeve. (CC)		
HIST 48	Automobiles Porsche 911 (CC)		20th Century With Mike Wallace (CC)		The Last Days of WWII (CC)		Apollo: The Race Against Time (CC)			Failure Is Not an Option (CC)		
NICK 55	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Grown Up	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Catscratch	Oddparents	Danny Phantom	Avatar: Last Air	Grown Up	Teenage Robot	ChalkZone
DISN 56	Koala Brothers	Higglytown	Einstein	JoJo's Circus	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Whiskers	American Drgn	Buzz on Maggie
FAM 58	Digimon-Digital	Battle B-Daman	W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)	Dragon Booster	Get Ed Bio Trap	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Super Robot	Spider-Man	Tick (CC)	Full House	Full House
HALL 60	Little House on the Prairie (Part 1 of 2)		Little House on the Prairie (Part 2 of 2)		Movie: Old Yeller *** (1957) A stray dog wanders onto a ranch and proves its worth.				Movie: Big Red *** (1962) A boy and a champion Irish setter become fast friends.			

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	(11:00) College Football: Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (CC)					College Football: Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (CC)						
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	Jeopardy!	Paid Program	Paid Program	College Football: BYU at Notre Dame. (Live) (CC)							Paid Program	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Golf: The Cliffs Challenge. Asheville, N.C. (CC)				Football Today	College Football: Tennessee at Alabama. (Live) (CC)						
K15CG 2	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old	Home-time (N)	Woodwright	For Your Home	Paint! Paint!	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Piano Guy	Cabin Country	Rare Visions
ESPN 28	(11:00) College Football: Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (CC)				College Gameday Scoreboard (Live)		PGA Golf: Funai Classic -- Third Round. From Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	
USA 37	(11:00) Movie: Wildcats ** (1986)			Movie: 15 Minutes **½ (2001) Two killers seek notoriety by videotaping their crimes. Robert De Niro. (CC)				Movie: Spy Game **½ (2001) A retiring agent learns that his ex-protege is a captive. Robert Redford. (CC)				
TBS 38	(11:15) Movie: The Other Sister ** (1999, Comedy-Drama) Juliette Lewis.				Movie: The Brothers *** (2001, Comedy-Drama) Morris Chestnut. (CC)			Movie: Set It Off *** (1996, Drama) (PA) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah. (CC)				
WGN 39	Soul Train Omarion.		Movie: Road House ** (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. (CC)			Farscape Throne for a Loss (CC)		Farscape Taking the Stone (CC)			America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT 40	Movie: Cape Fear *** (1991, Suspense) An ex-convict takes revenge on the lawyer who betrayed him.				NASCAR Racing: Busch Series -- Sam's Town 250. From Memphis, Tenn. (Live) (CC)						Law & Order Causa Mortis (CC) (DVS)	
DSC 42	MythBusters Exploding Toilet		MythBusters (CC)		MythBusters (CC)		Dirty Jobs Chick Sexer (CC)		Dirty Jobs Vexcon (CC)		Dirty Jobs Ostrich farmer. (CC)	
A&E 47	(10:00) Movie: Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Crash Test Dummies (CC)		American Justice Driven to Kill (CC)		Investigative Reports (CC)		
HIST 48	Beyond the Moon: Failure Is Not an Option 2 (CC)			Man Moment Machine (CC)		Man Moment Machine (CC)		Dogfights: The Greatest Air Battles Four famous air battles. (CC)				
NICK 55	Rock Star	Catscratch	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV
DISN 56	Movie: Casper Meets Wendy ** (1998, Fantasy) Shelley Duvall, Hilary Duff. (CC)			Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Proud Family	Kim Possible	Ameri-can Drgn	Buzz on Maggie	Sister, Sister	Phil of Future	
FAM 58	Full House	Full House	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)		Scariest Places on Earth Chillingham		Scariest Places on Earth (CC)		Scariest Places on Earth (CC)		Scariest Places on Earth (CC)	
HALL 60	Movie: Annie *** (1999, Musical) Kathy Bates, Alan Cumming. (CC)				Movie: The Big Green *½ (1995, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg. (CC)			Movie: The Parent Trap *** (1961, Comedy) Hayley Mills. (CC)				

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KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	News (CC)	The Insider	Movie: Air Force One *** (1997, Suspense) Harrison Ford. (CC) (DVS)			Desperate Housewives (CC)		News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Enterprise	
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Movie: Chicago ***½ (2002, Musical) Rival entertainers vie for the spotlight from behind bars. Catherine Zeta-Jones. (CC)			News		News	Saturday Night Live Catherine Zeta-Jones; Franz Ferdinand.			
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Paid Program	NCIS Lt. Jane Doe (CC)		Without a Trace In the Dark (CC)	48 Hours Mystery		News (CC)	Drew Carey	Alias Doppelganger (CC)		
K15CG 2	Antiques Roadshow Reno		Keeping Up	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show	Red Green		Austin City Limits Etta James (N) (CC)	Soundstage America performs.	Tavis Smiley		
ESPN 28	College Gmday		College Football: Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (CC)					SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		College Gameday Final (Live) (CC)		
USA 37	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS 38	College Football: Teams to Be Announced.							Movie: Money Train (1995) A transit cop's foster brother plans a subway robbery.		College Football		
WGN 39	Race Car Driver	Race Car Driver	Movie: Grease (1978) Disparate summer lovers meet again as high-school seniors.			WGN News at Nine		Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	Home Improve.	Movie: Saturday	
TNT 40	Law & Order DNR (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)			Movie: Pretty Woman *** (1990, Comedy-Drama) An executive plays Pygmalion to a young streetwalker.						
DSC 42	Dirty Jobs Shrimper Shrimp season.		Mega Machines Extreme Aircraft		Extreme Engineering (CC)		SOS: Coast Guard Rescue		The Real Miami Cops (CC)		Mega Machines Monster Beasts	
A&E 47	City Confidential (CC)		City Confidential (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)		American Justice (CC)		City Confidential (CC)	
HIST 48	Modern Marvels		Movie: Battle of the Bulge *** (1965) Weather-beaten American GIs face a massive German assault. Henry Fonda. (CC)					Hell's Battlefield (CC)		Movie: Battle of the Bulge *** (1965)		
NICK 55	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Ned's School	Drake & Josh (N) (CC)	Amanda	Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Roseanne	Roseanne	
DISN 56	Zack & Cody	That's Raven	Movie: Casper Meets Wendy ** (1998, Fantasy) Shelley Duvall, Hilary Duff. (CC)			Zack & Cody	Naturally Sadie	Phil of Future	That's Raven	Life With Derek	Buzz on Maggie	
FAM 58	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)		Scariest Places on Earth (CC)		Scariest Places on Earth: Fear Force			Movie: Close Encounters of the Third Kind *** (1977) A lineman's obsession with UFOs leads him to Wyoming. (CC)				
HALL 60	(4:00) Movie: The Parent Trap (1961)		Movie: The Parent Trap *** (1998, Comedy) Reunited twin girls try to get their parents back together. Lindsay Lohan. (CC)					M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	

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