



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
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Dear Florida Veterinarian:

We recently learned from the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine that they have treated multiple cases of respiratory disease in dogs this week. Several dogs have been hospitalized, with seven confirmed H3N2 canine influenza cases and several others with suspected H3N2 influenza. All dogs being treated are in stable condition. There is no evidence that H3N2 canine influenza virus infects people. While H3N2 has been circulating throughout the country, it is the first time it has been confirmed in Florida. This is a highly contagious virus, and the University of Florida has provided the attached veterinary FAQs and sample collection information sheet, as well as an owner fact sheet for your clients. In addition, more information can be found at:

- ? *University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine Website,*
<http://sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu/shelter-services/tools-tips-fact-sheets/canine-influenza-3/>
- ? *American Veterinary Medical Association Website,*
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Reference/Pages/Canine-Influenza-Backgrounder.aspx>

Please review this material, so you can help protect dogs in our state.
If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Animal Industry at 850-410-0900.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Short
State Veterinarian/Director