

## **What should I do if.....my pet is coughing?**

Occasional non specific coughing can be heard in the dog, though less so in the cat. In general cats rarely cough so should be presented for examination if they cough regularly. There are no simple home remedies which we recommend for a coughing dog or cat.

There are a number of causes of coughing in the dog. Any dog which is coughing regularly should be examined even if they seem otherwise well.

Sudden onset coughing may be caused by infectious disease but could also be due to inhalation of foreign material. Seek veterinary attention promptly. Delay in treatment could result in a worsening of the signs.

Any dog or cat which is coughing and is unwell, has weight loss or any other signs should be examined with some urgency.