



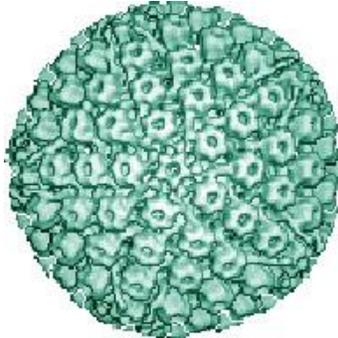
Canine Herpes Virus

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1. Canine Herpes Virus is the same as the cold sore virus people get, and my dogs and I can infect each other. True or False? (answers below)



Canine Herpes Virus, up close

2. If my dog has had Canine Herpes, it is immune now. True or False?
3. Canine Herpes Virus is estimated to be present in
 - 50% of the world's dogs
 - 10% of the world's dogs
 - 100% of the world's dogs
4. With good sanitation practices, I can keep Canine Herpes out of my kennel. Very Likely or Nearly Impossible?
5. My bitch probably got it from the stud I used. True or False?
6. What is often the first sign that a bitch has Canine Herpes Virus?
 - a. A tie that doesn't result in puppies
 - b. Lack of interest in her food
 - c. Increased body temperature
7. Puppies can get Canine Herpes Virus
 - a. In the womb
 - b. During birthing
 - c. In the first 4 weeks of life

8. Contracting Canine Herpes as a small puppy is not as life-threatening as getting it as a full-grown dog. True or False?
9. Keeping an infected puppy very warm will kill the virus and save the puppy. True or False?
10. There is no way of knowing whether or not my bitch has an active infection during pregnancy. True or False?
11. There is no known treatment for Canine Herpes in puppies. True or False?
12. I can just buy and use the Merial vaccine for Canine Herpes Virus. True or False?
13. A bitch that lost a litter due to Canine Herpes Virus should never be bred again. True or False?

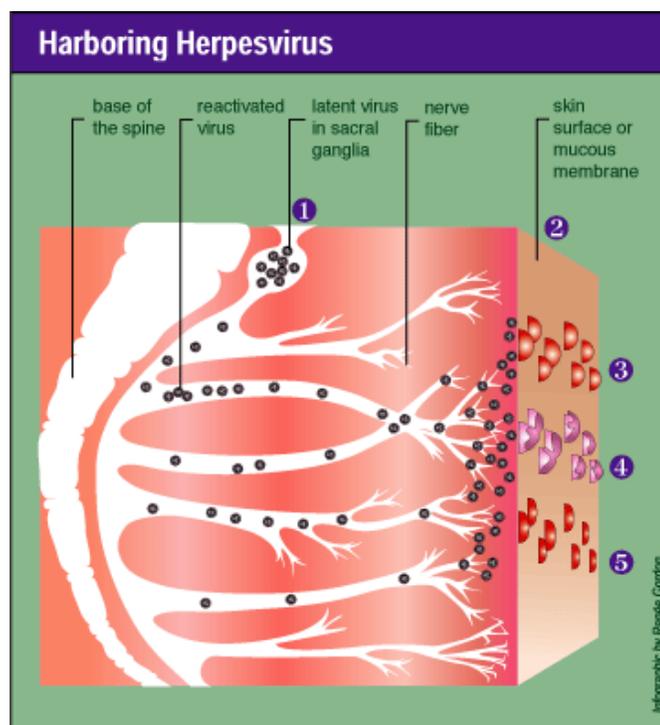


1. False. It behaves very much like our cold sore virus, but is a different virus and only affects dogs.
2. False. Like all herpes viruses, after recovering from the initial infection, the animal carries it for life. It can sleep in an inactive (latent) form, re-attacking when the animal is stressed.
3. Canine Herpes Virus is very common, probably present in the bodies of 50% of the world's dogs.
4. It is nearly impossible to keep this virus out of a kennel operation, but with good nutrition, a low-stress environment and good sanitation, you can minimize or eliminate serious health problems due to it.
5. False. While it is certainly possible, this is not the primary way this disease moves around. It is usually transferred by inhaling body fluids from an infected dog (sneezes, slobber, etc.) The infected dog usually will not appear to be ill in any way.

6. Answer is A. Decreased fertility is an early indicator that your bitch may have CHV-1. She will have late term abortions and re-absorbed pups as well.
7. All three options are true. In addition, puppies infected in the womb may be reabsorbed, aborted or stillborn.



8. False! Adult dogs usually suffer only mild symptoms that mimic a cold. Puppies under 4 weeks old commonly die if infected with CHV-1. Those that survive usually have other health problems for the rest of their life, such as nervous system and heart damage.
9. False. While the virus cannot live in temperatures over 104, it is **not** recommended that you try to heat your puppy to this temperature with external heat sources.
10. True. Before mating her, we can do a titer to see if antibodies are present, or take a mouth or vaginal swab to test for living herpes virus, but no test can tell us whether or not the bitch will be actively "shedding" the virus during the pregnancy or during birthing.



11. False. According to an article by Ron Hines DVM PhD, cases have been reported where puppies were saved by giving them blood serum from adult dogs that recently recovered from CHV-1. The antibodies in their blood were enough to save the puppies. Also, an antiviral drug, vidarabine, has saved some puppies. Read more [here](#).
12. False. The vaccine made by Merial Pharmaceutical Company is called Eurican Herpes 205 and is not yet available in the United States. It is given to the bitch at breeding and increases her immunity for 60 days.
13. False. Build up her health. Do not breed too frequently. Give her lots of TLC. Give her a private, calm setting for up to a month before breeding and until the pups are weaned. Avoid stressing her with travel, exposure to new dogs, etc. Keep her well fed and well hydrated. It's not certain that she will shed the virus with every pregnancy. In fact, it may never happen again. If it DOES keep happening, retire her from your breeding program.

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