

Canine Valley Fever Project



Does your dog have any of the following symptoms?

General:

- Malaise
- Weakness
- Fever
- Weight loss
- Lack of appetite
- Lack of energy
- Lethargy
- Hypothyroidism
- Exercise intolerance
- Behavioral changes
- Chronic diarrhea

Pulmonary:

- Coughing
- Rapid breathing
- Labored breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing or reverse sneezing
- Pneumonia

Skin:

- Soft abscess-like swelling under the skin
- Non-healing skin wounds,
- Rashes - Erythema nodosum
- Rashes - Erythema multiforme
- Yeasty skin conditions
- Chronic itching
- Raised red lesions
- Draining lesions

Bone and Joint:

- Lameness,
- Swelling of limbs
- Back or neck pain
- Weakness or paralysis
- Bone pain
- Joint pain

Lymph:

- Swollen lymph nodes
- Lymphadenopathy
- Hilar lymphadenopathy

Brain and Meninges:

- Seizures
- Manifestations of brain swelling
- Meningitis - incoordination

Ocular:

- Eye inflammation,
- Eyes with pain or cloudiness
- Vision loss

Other:

- Swollen testicles
- Pancreatitis

In Arizona during 2016, 198,233 tests were run for heartworm, Lyme, and tick fever. Of the total tests run, the majority of dogs testing positive was approximately 1%. Yet in the three hardest-hit counties it is estimated that the potential for dogs to get infected with the *Coccidioides* organism is up to 28%. There is no central agency collecting information on how many tests are run or how many dogs are infected. Few pet owners have their dogs tested routinely for the *Cocci* organism. The Canine Valley Fever Project's goal is to document this disease and raise public awareness to insure that no dog goes untreated or misdiagnosed.

**Join the Canine Valley Fever Project and protect not only your dog
but the whole community of dogs.**