

A Public Announcement from the TCSPCA

# ATTENTION ALL PET OWNERS

# **DOG DISTEMPER ALERT**

**Distemper has been confirmed on Providenciales**

Distemper is a highly contagious disease spreading quickly from one dog to another. It kills all dogs that have not been vaccinated. Humans and cats are not affected by this disease.

## How do you know if your dog has it?

Thick discharge from eyes and nose  
Poor appetite  
Coughing, diarrhea and vomiting  
Difficulty standing or walking  
Snapping jaws or constantly chewing their gums  
Convulsions of the whole body - the dog shakes all over and can't stop  
Foaming at the mouth

## What should I do if my dog shows these signs?

**Call the TCSPCA IMMEDIATELY: 941-8846 or 231-3052**

Keep children and healthy pets away from sick dogs.

## How can I keep my animals safe?

If you are a client of one of the veterinarian clinics make sure your vaccinations are up to date. If your dog has never been vaccinated, call the TCSPCA.

DO NOT feed dogs other than your own. Feeding a number of dogs may lead to large concentrations of animals around food; thereby increasing the spread of the disease.

DO NOT let your dog get near or touch another dog you do not own.

Feed your pets indoors or in a contained area.

If you feed your pet outdoors remove any leftover food. It can attract infected, stray dogs.

Make sure your garbage is contained and cannot be knocked over or lids removed.

If an animal dies in your yard DO NOT TOUCH THE ANIMAL.