The new dog virus; Circovirus:

Circovirus is a virus that has been around for a long yet only infected birds and pigs, it was only discovered is dogs this past April. Circovirus causes pneumonia, gastrointestinal issues, systemic inflammation and occasionally death. To date, cases of the Circovirus have only been reported in California and Ohio, no cases have been found in CT.

Testing was done on a group of dogs that were all contaminated with the Circovirus; a common feature that **all** the dogs shared was group housing, such as in a shelter or kennel.

Signs of the Circovirus are:

* Bloody Diarrhea
* Vomiting
* Weight Loss
* Lethargy
* Inflammation of blood vessels

The unknown can be scary and since so little is currently known about the Circovirus we implore you to use the best judgment when dealing with the welfare of your dog. Some easy steps to follow are:

* Keep your dog away from any sick dogs
* Wash your hands after petting someone else’s dog and before you pet your dog
* Report all illness to your veterinarian
* If risks are becoming more evident; showing up in CT we will inform you that you might want to forgo the dog park, boarding kennel and doggie day care