



A Day at Daycare

Dogs at *Dogs Live Happy Daycare* have very busy days while in daycare. We provide kennel-free doggie daycare, which means your dog is free to run, play and snooze with our other guests. Because the dogs are in a communal atmosphere, we carefully screen all dogs prior to accepting them for services and require that they are current on all vaccinations (please see "Requirements" for specifics). Your dog can romp all day in our indoor/outdoor play area complete with doggie play equipment, and durable toys for those tough canines. In addition, Dogs Live Happy offers a totally separate play-area for smaller dogs and larger dogs. Both play-areas are always bustling with activity- fetch, tug, and chase are among the dogs favorite games. But who can resist a belly rub from a staff member, or a treat?

At *Dogs Live Happy Daycare* we promote a fun and active environment while also fostering good manners and social skills. Our staff is knowledgeable enough to recognize the signs of over-stimulation and step in when necessary.

All day play is fun, but every dog needs some quiet time. We keep plenty of crates available so the dogs can get a rest and a much needed nap.

At *Dogs Live Happy Daycare* our main concern is the happiness and the well being of your dog. We encourage dogs to play and socialize while also learning important social skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

This is, however, a very rough and tumble environment and there is always the possibility of injury. The Staff at *Dogs Live Happy Daycare* makes every effort to prevent injury, but it is not always avoidable. We want every potential client to be aware that because dogs play with their mouths, teeth's and paws that cuts, nicks and scratches do occur. Very young dogs or extremely high energy dogs often miss warning cues from other dogs and may be snapped and bitten as a form of "correction".

We carefully screen all dogs at a Meet and Greet session prior to accepting them for services. During the Meet and Greet, we are looking for very specific behaviors. Ideally, when we introduce your dog to another dog, we want to see your dog express the equivalent of "Hi! How are you? Want to play?" in doggie talk. This means eagerly greeting the other dog, lots of sniffing, and gentle invitations to play.

What we don't want to see is any dominant behavior, growling, or aggressive play. We also don't want to see your dog barely acknowledge the other dog and then walk away. Many dog owners do not understand that when their dog does this, he or she is really saying "I don't want to be here."

While you are here for the Meet and Greet, we'd love to show you our facilities, too! Call or email to schedule your Meet and Greet, and please bring copies of your dog's vaccination/fecal exam records. (see "Requirements" for more detailed information)

Although we carefully screen all applicants, occasionally we discover that this is not an appropriate environment for every dog. *Dogs Live Happy Daycare* reserves the right to permanently remove a dog from daycare at any time.

If any of the above mentioned makes you uncomfortable, daycare may not be the best option for your dog

Dogs Live Happy play-area is cleaned at the end of each day from approximately 5:00 to 6:30 during which time the dogs will be crated.

