

THE DOG LODGE

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FIRST DAY EVALUATION

All evaluations must be pre-booked.

Copies of intake forms, service contract, and current vaccinations must be sent to comestay@thedoglodge.org or hard copies brought in for our records before the dog enters daycare.

First day social skills assessment attendance is a half day, from 10 am - 3 pm. Your dog must be able to be picked up at any point during this time.

Why? This coincides with our 10:00 am cutoff time for dogs coming to daycare. This also allows your dog time to meet our staff, explore the environment, and meet their new friends.

Fees for the first day must be paid upon arrival (\$19 + GST).

Please bring your dog in with a quick release collar. Martingales and harnesses will be switched out with a standard quick release collar before entering daycare.

Choke, prong, and electric collars are not permitted on the premises.

Why? We are proud to be a positive-reinforcement focused, force-free facility that keeps current with the evolution of science based dog training and care practices.



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GENERAL

1. Same day weekly attendance required (ex. every Tues/Thurs). We will do our best to accommodate days outside of regular scheduled days on an as needed basis. We do not offer "drop/walk in" services.

Why? This allows your dog to make reliable friends and develop an important routine. More than 3 days/week is not always recommended - full days of activity make for a very tired dog and they need plenty of time to rest and recover in between.

2. <u>Drop off cutoff is 10 am. Dogs will not be accepted past this time.</u>

Why? This allows us undisturbed, structured time to play, time to perform grooming services, and to facilitate important rest times.

- 3. Puppies must be over 12 weeks old and have their second set of shots to attend. Please provide small meals for very young puppies while they grow and adjust to daycare.
- 4. All dogs must be current on core vaccinations. We can only accept certificates that are from a licensed Veterinarian. Titer tests are accepted.
- 5. All dogs must be altered (spayed or neutered) or have surgery scheduled for no later than 7 months of age. Veterinary exceptions for later alterations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Why? Hormones and heat cycles can cause disruption within the group, behaviour changes, and unwanted pregnancies.



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6. Dogs must be on a Flea, Tick, and Lice treatment. Please speak to your Vet for the best treatment plan for your dog.

- 7. Dogs must actively enjoy or tolerate the company of other dogs to attend. Daycare is not meant to teach your dog social skills, but to exercise the skills they already have.
- 8. Dogs that experience severe separation anxiety, chronic pain, noise phobias, or that have immune disorders are not good candidates for daycare and may not be able to maintain attendance.
- 9. Dogs that have experienced an injury or communicable illness **must be kept home** and may be required to provide a letter from their Veterinarian to return to daycare.

Do NOT bring your dog to daycare after being under anesthesia for at least 2 days, even if the procedure is minor. If your dog has stitches, wait until they fall out or are removed before returning. This is non-negotiable.

10. Late pick-up fees apply (\$7.50 every 15 minutes).

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 6:30am-6pm

Closed weekends and Stat holidays