



# Day Camp House Rules

All families have rules and our family is no different. We treat your dog(s) like they're our own and we want to provide the best and safest care for them while they are with us. To this end, we have implemented some "House Rules" by which we abide. This doesn't mean we aren't flexible; we know all dogs are different. However, we reserve the right to bend our rules as we see necessary or appropriate.

## Age

All dogs must be at least three (3) months of age and have completed at least two rounds of puppy shots. Proof of shots will be required.

## Spay / Neuter

For the safety of all pets, all dogs must be either spayed or neutered by the age of seven (7) months. We reserve the right to lower this age requirement for a dog in our care if it becomes behaviorally necessary.

## Bully Breeds

We love all dogs – even those currently classified as "Bully Breeds." As such, all dogs will be evaluated and accepted on a case-by-case basis. Safety – and not breed – is our main concern.

## Intake Evaluation

*Not all dogs enjoy playing with other dogs* – even if we think they should. In order for us to determine if your furry friend is a good match for day camp, we will need to meet him/her at our facility. Evaluations typically take 10-20 minutes and are always free but require an appointment. Please bring your completed application packet with you for the dog's evaluation. Proof of shots is required to have your dog evaluated.

## Behavior

All dogs are good dogs in our eyes. But dogs are dogs and sometimes they just don't get along with one another. Or they play a little too rough. Or don't want to share. Our staff is trained to mitigate situations that may occasionally occur during your dog's visit but we would like to avoid them in the first place. You will be asked to certify that your dog is non-aggressive, has not harmed (or threatened) other animals or humans, and is non-possessive of food, toys and/or space. It is our responsibility to protect ALL of the dogs in our care; which is why we know you'll understand if we find your dog isn't a good fit for day camp or if it's necessary to excuse him/her from the program.

## Health and Wellness

Because your dog is important to us, we want to make sure he/she is in good health before coming to camp. You will be asked to certify that your dog has not had any communicable disease within 30 days prior to his/her first visit. If your dog becomes ill after the initial intake, a release will be needed from your veterinarian stating your furry friend is ok to return to day camp and is disease-free.

## Vaccinations

Because dogs are in direct contact with one another during day camp, it's important that communicable diseases are not passed around. We take every precaution to mitigate this with our cleaning procedures but you must do your part as well. All dogs that are accepted for day camp must show proof of the following vaccinations:

- Bordatella vaccine within the last six (6) months (if intranasal) or one year if injected;
- Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus (also known as DHPP or DA2PP) vaccine within the last year (or 3 years for a 3 year vaccine);
- Rabies vaccine within the last year (or 3 years for a 3 year vaccine);
- Canine Influenza Virus (H3N2) vaccine.

Please plan ahead and allow seventy-two (72) hours to pass after vaccinating before bringing your dog to day camp for the first time.

## Parasites (fleas & ticks)

Fleas and ticks don't discriminate – any host will do. That's why we need your dog(s) to be flea and tick free when they visit us. If your dog is discovered to have fleas, they WILL receive a flea bath at your expense. Ticks will also be removed at your expense. We are strong believers in flea & tick prevention and encourage this for your furry friends to help keep them healthy and happy.

## Food and Treats

Should you wish to provide food or treats for your dog(s) during their stay, we will offer it to them on the schedule you request. All feeding will be done outside of the day camp area as others may want to share in the experience with them. Please note that not all dogs feel comfortable eating while in the care of others and thus may not eat the breakfast and/or lunch you provide.

## Reservations / Cancellations

Reservations are requested twenty-four (24) hours in advance of your intended visit as space is limited. If you will not be able to keep your appointment, please provide us with as much notice as possible. Walk-in day camp requests will be honored on an as-available basis.

## Late Pickup Policy

As much as we hate this part, we have to put it in here. We are open daily between 7am and 5pm. You may drop off and pick up your dog(s) at any point during our ten (10) hour day and will be charged accordingly. However, if you have paid for a half day visit and pick up your dog past the six (6) hour mark, you will be charged an additional \$6/hour for any portion thereof past 6 hours (not to exceed the full-day price of \$33.) Likewise, if you have paid for a full-day visit and do not arrive for pick up by 5pm, late fees of \$5 for every 15 minutes after 5pm will be added to your invoice.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read these 'House Rules' and agree to abide by them should my dog(s) be accepted to The Dog Zone Day Camp.

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_