

Paws & Claws Total Dog's Daycare With a Difference Information

Caring for our clients' four-legged family members is our top priority! Featuring 22,000 sq. ft. of outdoor play space, small play groups for ample supervision, & a variety of enrichment activities, our Daycare with a Difference can provide your dog a day rich with exercise, active learning, & social interaction.

Daycare Options

All Day Play - \$40/dog, \$35/each additional dog

Check in between 6:30am-9:30am & check out between 4:00pm-6:30pm for a day of fun!

Half Day Play - \$35/dog

Check in between 6:30am-9:30am & check out between 12:00pm-1:00pm for a morning of fun!

Daycare with Boarding Stay - \$35/dog in

Standard Rooms, \$30/dog in Deluxe Suites

Your dog can even enjoy a full day of daycare while boarding with us!

Evaluation - \$10/dog

All dogs must pass an evaluation in order to attend daycare!

*If your dog passes an evaluation & stays for a full day of daycare, the evaluation price is waived & you simply pay for the full daycare day.

Add-Ons

Add even more excitement to your dog's day!

Daycare Activity - \$3+/dog

We offer a variety of enrichment activities, from taste tests to crafts to themed photoshoots!

*Price starts at \$3/dog & increases depending on complexity of activity. Please check our website or give us a call to see when our next activity days are coming up.

Grooming Services

We can spruce up your dog with anything from a quick nail trim to a full service groom during their daycare day!

Please inquire about availability at the time of booking.

*Dogs scheduled for baths or full service grooms during their daycare day will attend a half day of daycare in the morning & will receive their grooming service in the afternoon.

Report Card - \$2/day

Pictures of your dog, a summary of their day, & a list of their daycare pals, sent straight to your inbox!

Splish Splash - \$30/10 minutes, \$35/20 minutes

Your dog can chase some balls & splash around in our climate controlled indoor pool! The first session is free!

Busy Bites - \$2

Treat your dog to some yummy enrichment during their rest hour! \$2 for a puzzle toy, cardboard puzzle roll, snuffle mat, or lick mat with peanut butter & treats.

Packages

Buy daycare days ahead of time & save \$\$\$! Packages expire 6 months from the day of purchase.

5 Half days - \$160

5 Full Days - \$190

10 Full Days - \$375

20 Full Days - \$750

30 Full Days - \$1125

Schedule

A typical day at daycare looks something like this!

6:30am-9:30am - Check in & group play

9:30am-4:00pm - Groups rotate between group play, active learning (core skill reinforcement + tricks), & rest

12:00pm-1:00pm - Half day check out

4:00pm-6:30pm - Group play & check out

Additional pick up times are available by appointment.

We do not offer half days in the afternoon as we have found that adding dogs to play groups later in the day can rile the dogs up. Having everyone arrive in the morning helps everyone to play nicely together!

Frequently Asked Questions

How old does my dog have to be to attend?

Dogs must be at least 4 months old to attend daycare. For dogs 2-6 months of age, we offer Puppy Socials the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 11:00am-12:00 pm!

What are the vaccine requirements?

Daycare dogs over 6 months of age are required to have a current rabies vaccine unless medically exempt.

Bordetella & distemper vaccines, as well as a flea & tick treatment, are highly recommended.

Can unaltered dogs attend daycare?

Unaltered male dogs under 1 year old are welcome to attend. Unaltered female dogs are welcome to attend on a case-by-case basis, but cannot attend while in heat or for one week post-cycle.

How do I get started?

Please fill out our daycare application on our website to help us get to know your dog. If you have multiple dogs, please fill out an application for each one. We will process your application & reach out to schedule an evaluation!

What is the evaluation like?

Evaluations take place Monday-Thursday mornings starting at 9:30am & typically last about 2 hours. The evaluation starts with introducing your pup to daycare dogs of different sizes, breeds, & play styles, both on-leash & off-leash. After that, your dog will play in small groups with 2-4 other dogs, before eventually joining a full daycare play group. We will call you when the evaluation is complete to let you know how it went!

When is daycare offered?

Daycare is offered Mondays-Fridays most weeks, but is closed on most holidays.

How does your daycare rotation work?

Our daycare dogs enjoy a rotating schedule of group play, core skill reinforcement & learning tricks, & a rest period to recharge. This provides the perfect combination of physical & mental stimulation!

How large are the play groups?

Our play groups max out at 15 dogs per group, making our staff-to-dog ratio one of the smallest in the area.

Pricing as of 1/15/25

Do you separate dogs based on size?

Yes & No—groups are formed based on play preferences & temperament so dogs can make friends of all shapes & sizes! If your dog is slowing down or gets spooked by bigger friends, ask about our Smalls & Oldies group!

How does staff handle misbehaving dogs?

Our daycare staff is trained in redirection, which is the first course of action if a dog misbehaves. If the behavior persists, the dog will be put in a time out to mitigate the behavior.

Can my dog attend daycare every day?

We don't recommend sending your dog to daycare every day, as it can lead to them becoming overtired, withdrawn, & they can even develop new behavior issues. 2-3 days a week is a good rule of thumb, even for energetic dogs.

Is daycare a good way to socialize my dog?

Daycare is for dogs who are already confident & socialized—dogs who are not used to group play often find it overwhelming, making them fearful or reactive. We recommend our Puppy Socials as introductory socialization for puppies, or consulting a trainer to discuss the best socialization options for an adult dog.

What is your medical emergency policy?

Our staff is trained in canine first aid & equipped to handle minor injuries. If something happened that would require a vet visit, we would first call the owner to inform them. We would then check with the dog's vet to see if they are available to see the pet. If the dog's own vet is unavailable, or if the situation is extremely urgent, we would take the dog to Oakwood Hills Animal Hospital as it is the closest vet to us.

What if my dog doesn't pass their evaluation?

Daycare can be great for dogs with appropriate play skills who enjoy group play, but plenty of dogs just don't enjoy the daycare environment, & that's okay! Group play is not at all necessary for a dog to live a fulfilling life. Ask about our Enrichment Day Boarding as another option for care during the day!