

## South Paw Doggie Daycare & Training Center

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### Daycare Application Package

Thank you for your interest in our doggie daycare. South Paw is committed to providing your dog a safe place to play and socialize. At our daycare, your dog will have the opportunity to play in a supervised playgroup with other fuzzy friends and our dog loving daycare staff.

Each potential daycare dog will need to be evaluated and approved before attending daycare. To begin the application process:

Please read over our Daycare Information and Policies.

Fill out and return the Doggie Daycare Release Form

Fill out and return the Doggie Daycare Application

Submit a copy of required vaccinations

Rabies, DHPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus) and Bordetella

Completed applications can be dropped off at the daycare, mailed to South Paw or emailed to [Tracy@puppyschool.com](mailto:Tracy@puppyschool.com)

Once we have received your pet's application and vaccinations we will contact you to schedule an appointment for a daycare evaluation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (281) 354 – 7768 or just stop by the center for a visit. Our office is open Monday - Friday from 7am – 11:30am and 1pm – 6pm.

We look forward to meeting you and your dog!

Tracy Waterfallen

Owner

South Paw Doggie Daycare & Training Center

South Paw Doggie Daycare & Training Center Daycare  
Information and Policies

The purpose of our doggie daycare program is to provide a safe, fun and stimulating social environment for dogs. To ensure the safety and health of your dog and others, we require all clients to comply with the following:

Dogs must be current on all required vaccinations and have a copy on file at South Paw. (Owners must submit a copy at time of application as well as keep records updated)

All dogs visiting the facility must be heartworm negative and free of intestinal worms. All dogs must be on a heartworm preventative and a flea control program.

All dog 7 months and older must be spayed or neutered.

If your dog has been exposed to a contagious illness or you suspect that your dog may be ill, please do not bring your pet to daycare until cleared by your Veterinarian.

Dogs can be drop off / picked up between the hours of 7am and 11:30am or 1pm and 6pm Monday – Friday. The dog's lunch and naptime is between the hours of 11:30am – 1pm. The lights will be off and the doors will be locked during this time.

**Vaccinations**

Required - Rabies, DHPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus) and Bordetella

Most dogs will receive their initial vaccinations as puppies and will require further booster vaccinations through their lifetime. Currently some vaccinations are required every year and others every three years. Please check with your Veterinarian to see when your dog's boosters will be due.

The Kennel Cough or Bordetella vaccination is given to dogs that will be in contact with other dogs (grooming, boarding, doggie daycare and dog park). Please confirm that your dog has been vaccinated for Kennel Cough, it is not part of some core vaccination programs.

If your dog is not current and needs boosters, vaccinations must be given a minimum of 10 days before evaluation. Some dogs may have reactions and some vaccines have a waiting period before they are effective.

## **Illnesses**

At South Paw we try to lower the risk of disease by having an extreme cleaning regimen. Everything the dogs come in contact with is cleaned every day. The floors, the playroom walls, the yard, toys etc.

Please remember that some illnesses are highly contagious and no amount of supervision, sanitation, or personal care can guarantee complete prevention.

**Please do not bring your dog to daycare if you suspect that your dog may be sick.**

If your dog is diagnosed with a communicable illness and has been attending daycare please let us know so we can advise other pet parents of the possible exposure.

We have been blessed by very few occurrences of Kennel cough and Papilloma Virus at South Paw. However, they are easily spread in places where dogs are in contact with other dogs. Please be familiar with Kennel Cough and Canine Papilloma Virus.

### Kennel Cough

A persistent dry cough with a “honking” sound is the main symptom your dog may have with kennel cough. In many cases, your dog will appear healthy otherwise.

If your dog is diagnosed with kennel cough, you will need approval from your veterinarian before returning back to daycare.

Keeping current with your dog’s vaccinations is important but, the vaccine (just like the human flu vaccine) will not protect against all strains. If your dog is vaccinated, he can still get kennel cough but, the symptoms will likely be less severe.

### Canine Papilloma Virus AKA “Puppy Warts”

Papilloma are skin growths that are commonly called warts. These growths are caused the canine papilloma virus and can appear in a variety of places on your dog’s body especially the face and toes.

An infection with this virus doesn’t immediately cause the growth of warts. Instead, the virus will incubate for up to two months before anything appears.

*Canine Papilloma Virus cannot be transmitted to humans.*

We suggest that you have your dog examined by your Veterinarian if you feel your dog may have the Papilloma virus however, it usually isn't necessary to treat. The immune system should get the job done as it strengthens. This process won't happen overnight though. Warts can stay on your dog for quite a few months before finally going away.

### **Unsuitable Dogs**

South Paw does not currently ban any breed from attending daycare however, certain breeds are prone to over excitability and may be offer shorter play periods. Any dog that continues to show over excitability or inappropriate behavior will not be a candidate for daycare.

Daycare is a place for dogs that enjoy playing with other dogs. If your dog is needing remedial socialization, daycare will likely be too overwhelming.

If your dog has ever fearfully or aggressively bitten and caused injury to a person or animal, daycare is not an appropriate choice for your dog.

Dogs that are over 7months of age and not spayed or neutered will not be able to participate in group play

Dogs that are positive. or being treated for, intestinal worms or heartworms will not be able to participate in daycare until the dog has been tested negative and cleared by the treating veterinarian.

Please understand that not all dogs are suited for daycare. The environment can be overwhelming or over stimulating for some dogs. If we express concern with your dog's behavior or dismiss your dog, we feel it is in the best interest of your dog. We want all dogs to learn positive behaviors and to benefit from their experiences at daycare.

## **Behavior Policies**

At daycare we closely monitor interactions between the dogs and staff. If we feel your pet is acting inappropriately we will inform you of the issue. Sometimes we are able to redirect the dog or teach the dog a different response to the situation. If we are unable to correct the issue and it continues, we have the right to excuse the dog from daycare. If a serious incident takes place, the dog may be excused without previous warnings.

In the event of undesirable behavior, we will first attempt to retrain the dog's response. We will attempt to redirect or give the dog a short time out if needed. If the behavior continues we may use a squirt bottle or in rare cases a spray collar.

## **Collars / Harnesses**

All collars and harnesses will be removed to prevent injury to the dogs and to prevent damage. Dogs with diet restrictions should wear quick release daycare collars (supplied by South Paw) to notify staff of limitations.

## **Kennel Time**

South Paw wishes to limit the amount of time that the dogs are crated. However, to help the daycare run smoothly and to help ensure the safety of the dogs at all times, the below kennel schedule will be followed:

Dogs will be crated during nap time / lunch time 11:30am – 1pm. This gives the dogs an opportunity to rest and allows the dogs with lunches to quietly eat their meals.

Dogs will be crated during clean up time at the end of the day 5:30pm till close.

Dogs may be crated temporarily to help with introductions or for a short "time out" if behavior becomes disruptive.

## **What to Expect after a day of Daycare**

Most dogs will be tired after a day of daycare. New dogs may experience sore muscles or blistered toes from a lot of running and playing. Due to the nature of doggie daycare, dogs will occasionally come home with scratches or bumps from rough housing and play outdoors. Dogs may also have damp ears or a wet coat from playing with other dogs and outdoor water play.

**Reservations**

Our daycare is limited to 25 dogs and reservations are recommended. Please make advanced arrangements if you are in need of a particular day to ensure availability.

**Cancelations**

Cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice may be charged the full fee for the reserved day.

**Late Pickup**

Staff goes off duty at 6pm. A fee of \$10 will be charged for every 15 minutes the dog stays past closing to help pay for employee overtime. 30 minutes past closing the dog will be kenneled for the evening at the owner's expense.

Please feel free to call and check up on your dog at any time (281) 354 7768

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Release Form

I hereby certify that my dog is in good health and has not been exposed to any known communicable condition in the last 30 days.

I further certify that I have fully disclosed my dog's behavior to the best of my knowledge.

My dog is currently on heartworm prevention and a flea control program.

Waiver / Agreement

I understand that participation in daycare is not without risk. Dogs are not always predictable and the unexpected may occur. I hereby waive and release South Paw Doggie Daycare & Training Center and its staff from any and all claims while on the ground and surrounding areas. I release South Paw Doggie Daycare & Training Center from any liability of any kind whatsoever arising from my dog's attendance and participation in doggie daycare.

I further understand and agree that any problems which may develop with my dog will be treated as deemed best by the staff at South Paw, at their sole discretion, and that I assume full financial responsibility for any and all expenses involved.

I understand that a fee of \$10 will be charged for every 15min that my pet is left after closing time. I also understand that if I give less than 24 hours' notice to cancel a reservation I may forfeit the fee for that day.

I certify that I have read and understand South Paw Doggie Daycare's Information and Policies as set forth on the preceding pages and that I have read and understand the conditions and statements of the agreement.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of pet owner \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner Information**

Owner's last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owners contact numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog Information**

Pet's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female Spayed / Neutered

Age at time of spay / neuter: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: (or mix of breeds) \_\_\_\_\_

Current age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you owned this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you get your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any information on your dog's past history? No / Yes

If yes, explain

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Why are you interested in your dog attending daycare? (circle all that apply)

Play with other dogs Prevent dog from being home alone Additional exercise

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your dog's level of socialization with other dogs: (circle all that apply)

None On leash Off leash play Small group Large group Occasional Regularly

Has your dog ever had problems with other dogs: (circle all that apply)

No Altercation Fearful Small group of dogs Large group of dogs

Has your dog ever been dismissed from another daycare or social group?

If yes, please explain.

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**Dog Health**

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vet's Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all medications your dog is currently taking:

Heartworm prevention (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Flea Control (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog have any allergies? No / Yes

If yes, please explain.

Does your dog have any physical disabilities? No / Yes

If yes, please explain.

If yes, what restrictions does your dog need? (circle all that apply)

No jumping    No running    No hard play    No contact with other dogs

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog have any medical conditions? No / Yes

If yes, please explain.

Is your dog on medication for the condition? No / Yes

If yes, please list medication and dosage.

Please circle what best describes your dog's regular exercise program (circle all that apply)

Couch potato    Playtime with humans    Playtime with other dogs    Occasional walks

Frequent short walks    Long / multiple walks daily    Daily running    Participates in dog sports

**Pet Profile**

Do other pets live in your household? Please list species, breed, age, sex, spayed / neutered

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How does your dog get along with the other household pets?

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How does your dog react to unfamiliar animals when out for a walk?

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How does your dog react to unfamiliar animals that visit your home?

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How does your dog react to people coming into your yard / home?

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Has your dog ever barked or growled at someone passing your home or while on a walk? No / Yes  
If yes, please describe

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Are there particular types / breeds of dogs that your dog is uncomfortable around? No / Yes  
If yes, please describe.

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How does your dog react to puppies?

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What is your dog's typical on leash reaction to another dog approaching?

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What is your dog's typical off leash reaction to another dog approaching?

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What type of dog does your dog like to play with most? (circle the best answer)

Male dogs    Female dogs    Male or Female dogs

What kinds of games does your dog like to play with people?

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What kinds of games does your dog like to play with other dogs?

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How does your dog do sharing food/ toys with other dogs?

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Please list obedience cue your dog responds to.

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How was your dog trained? (circle all that apply)

At home by owner            basic group training class            Multiple level group training classes  
Board and Train Program    Private in-home training

How often do you use obedience cues with your dog? (circle the best answer)

Daily communication    When out for walks or when guests are over    Occasionally for better control  
Rarely used    Never

What type of collar do you use to walk your dog? (circle the best answer)

Harness (clips to back)            Harness (clips to front)            Buckle or Martingale collar  
Head collar            Nylon/Chain choke collar            Prong/Pinch collar

Where does your dog sleep? (circle the best answer)

Inside on owner's bed            Inside with owner on dog bed            Inside with owner in dog crate  
Inside alone in dog crate    Inside alone free run of house    Outside

Does your dog have any issues in the following areas? (circle all that apply)

Chewing    Jumping    Barking    Digging    Potty training

If yes, what are your current strategies to modify the behavior?

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Are there any types of people that your dog seems to automatically fear or dislike? No / Yes

If yes, please explain

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Has your dog ever growled / snapped / bitten someone? No / Yes

If yes, please describe the incident and any injuries that occurred.

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Has your dog ever growled / snapped /bitten another animal? No / Yes

If yes, please describe the incident and any injuries that occurred.

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What does your dog do when you are not at home?

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Has your dog ever climbed a fence? No / Yes

If yes, what were the circumstances and how high was the fence?

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Has your dog ever escaped from your home or yard? No / Yes  
If yes, please explain the circumstances.

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How would you describe your dog's energy level?  
Low    Medium    High

Has your dog ever chased or tried to chase a small animal? No / Yes  
If yes, please describe the event.

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Has your dog ever chased or tried to chase a person on a bike or skateboard? No / Yes  
If yes, please describe the event.

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Is your dog frightened by thunderstorms? No / Yes  
If yes, please describe the behavior and what specifically helps to relax or calm your dog's fear.

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Is your dog afraid or nervous around anything else? No / Yes  
If yes, please explain

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Has your dog ever guarded (growled/ snapped) food or toys from a person or dog? No / Yes  
If yes, please describe the event.

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Have you ever noticed your dog freeze and stare at another animal? No / Yes  
If yes, please describe the situation.

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Is there any other information that you feel we need to know about your pet? No / Yes  
If yes, please list below.

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. We look forward to meeting you and your dog on evaluation day. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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