

5 Tips for the Optimal Daycare Experience

Dog daycare is a great option for dogs and their pet parents. As a fellow pet parent I appreciate bringing my dog home tuckered out. However, it is important to consider a couple things to keep daycare a valuable tool in your pet parent “toolbox”.

On-on-one time

Daycare should not take the place of time/interaction you have with your dog. Take time each day to cuddle, walk, train...whatever you and your dog do best together in addition to daycare.

Manage

Too much of a good thing can be stressful and slowly start to change the relationship your dog has with attending daycare. We suggest a consistent daycare schedule along with a down day between daycare days.

Arrive Early

Dogs that can participate in greeting each other in a healthy managed way contribute to low arousal and set the stage for a healthy and fun play-date. This happens at our facility between 7:00-10:00AM.

Healthy Hounds

Having a healthy environment is our #1 priority. If your dog is not feeling well, a day at daycare may not be beneficial. Please inform us if your dog has been diagnosed with a contagious illness (internal parasite; giardia, upper respiratory infection etc.) This allows us to follow an established protocol in protecting the other dogs in our care and being proactive in containing further exposure.

Relationship

It is stressful for dogs to be in environments where they lack experience and confidence. We recommend frequent visits to daycare that build positive and healthy experiences. Having an established and positive relationship with you and your dog is important to us. We want you and your dog to love Downtown Hound!