



## ***What Happens at Doggie Day Care***

Sydney's Pet Spa Doggie Day Care provides a safe, leash-free environment for "approved" dogs to play, run, bark, chew, and sometimes swim all day. However, there are a few items to note if your dog attends Doggie Day Care.

- Dogs who are not used to high levels of activity or playing within groups sometimes take a short while to get used to such activity. Fatigue, sore paws, excessive thirst or sore muscles are common signs of such.
- Dogs are pack animals and have internal instincts. They play with their teeth and paws like kids play with their hands and feet. Therefore, even under professional supervision, nicks, scrapes, and occasional puncture wounds do happen. In the event of an injury, we will contact you immediately, or if minor, we will advise you at the time of departure.
- Doggie Day Care's leash-free environment allows dogs the opportunity to play in close physical contact (nose-to-nose contact) with each other. Similar to kids who share a classroom, this contact increases the risk for the spread of communicable disease. Even though our top priority is a healthy and safe environment, no amount of sanitation, pre-screening or vaccination requirement can be 100% effective against the spread of all communicable illnesses. All dogs playing in Doggie Day Care are required to submit the most current

vaccination record. However, just as in a school or your child's day care, the benefits far outweigh the risks.

- Some dogs need “time outs” on occasion. If they get too aggressive or just too excited, they may need to be separated from the pack for a short while to settle down. We implement the “time out” policy to help keep control and to minimize any unforeseen problems or injuries. For safety and aggression concerns, dogs that receive lunch during Doggie Day Care will be fed during naptime.
- Water is always available for the dogs while playing in Doggie Day Care. Due to excitement or distraction, dogs may not remember to drink on a regular basis. Some dogs may try to make up for this when returning home. Remember that excessive water intake or eating may cause an upset stomach or other problems. If you become concerned about your dog's water intake, please consult your veterinarian with any questions.

For any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to a Sydney's Pet Spa associate.