



Dog n' Suds Puppy Daycare

Puppy daycare is not as crazy as it may sound. In fact, dog-dog socialization is as essential to your puppy's development as proper feeding. Puppies that are not taught to play appropriately with other dogs at a young age do not develop important skills needed to survive happily in the world.

Learning to socialize with another dog, or your other family dog, is not the same as learning to socialize with a group of dogs. Group dog play teaches different skills that cannot be learned in one-on-one play. They learn to build confidence, deal with hierarchy, and appeasement behaviors. Puppies that learn to play well are less likely to turn into dogs that fight.

From the moment your puppy is safely vaccinated against disease, socialization must begin. The socialization window closes between the ages of 3-5 months. After this period, socialization is still possible, but a little more difficult. Therefore, it is important to expose your dog to as many different people, dogs, and situations as you can.

Social skills develop with repeated exposure and deteriorate with isolation. Socialization is a "use it or lose it" skill. Without practice, dogs may become increasingly fearful of things they may have encountered earlier but not been exposed to since. It is important to practice this skill throughout the dog's life.

Dog play is an important part of the process. Through play, dogs learn bite inhibition - how to control the strength of their jaws. A socially inexperienced dog may come on too strong with other dogs, leading to miscommunication, or squabbles.

Puppy Daycare will introduce your dog to a variety of people, dogs, and other stimuli. Regular attendance can keep your dog's skills fresh, improve his/her state of mind, and exercise him like nothing else.

The Dog n' Suds daycare facility has all the essential features needed for puppy daycare - It is equipped with indoor space for rambunctious dog play, an outdoor toilet area to keep housetraining skills fresh, professional staff who monitor the dogs at all times and who will alert you to potential behavior problems early on. Our dog trainer will help for working on specific behaviors. Needless to say, a daycare that uses crates in its daily operations is not providing your puppy an opportunity to practice his social skills. Dog n' Suds does not crate dogs are part of the normal daycare routine. If you plan to choose other daycares ask to see the facility before you need to use it. Staff should welcome your visit and your questions.

Give your dog the best chance in life and socialize him early, well, and often!

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