



## What Is It?

Our Puppy Day Camp is a socialization and house training

dream for your new little addition! It is a controlled environment that focuses not only on new novel items

for your puppy to experience but experiencing

those things positively. What we mean by

positively, is that your puppy gets to experience

these new things (that might be scary!) with

treats, soft encouraging words and allowing

them to vote with their feet if they want to get

closer or not. This same experience also

includes interacting with other dogs! Puppies

up to 12 to 14 weeks are able to be molded

into calm, confident and adjusted puppies if

exposed properly and positively. We know

that life gets busy so let us help with our

Puppy Day Camp to help your new family

member in the most positive way possible!



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## Puppy Day Camp



# What is Puppy Day Camp?

Our Puppy Day Camp is a program centered around young puppies, 9 to 17 weeks of age, to help develop them into well round canine family members. Your puppy will be in a group of no more than six puppies so staff can help each puppy individually build confidence and keep a close eye on body language.



While your puppy is at Day Camp they will be kenneled with frequent let-outs when not in playgroup to help facilitate kennel training they should be experiencing at home.

All puppies will have two monitored puppy playtimes with the other puppies. During the playtime body language will be monitored to make sure all puppies are enjoying the playtime. This will help develop good play skills for when your puppy is ready for a large playgroup.

Throughout the day your puppy will also be positively exposed to different socialization challenges to encourage your pup to investigate their world in a calm and positive manner.

On top of the let-outs, puppy playtimes and socialization challenges, staff will also work on basic commands with your puppy to build a good foundation!



## What Should I Bring?

For your puppy you can bring whatever you feel comfortable with! If you want to bring a bed or a blanket for them to rest on while in their kennel please do. If you are feeding your puppy a lunch please bring that in a labeled bag, we will make sure your puppy gets it. We also recommend bringing whatever treats you are planning on using at home.



\*For training purposes it is recommended to have a variety of different treats, all of them soft

## Socialization Challenges



Puppies can be naturally wary of new objects, textures, smells and people. At Puppy Day Camp staff will be exposing your puppy to a wide variety of objects (vacuum, grooming tools, weird shapes), walking textures (tarps, bubble wrap, tin foil), sounds (vacuum, blow dryer, etc.) and humans!

## Puppy Day Camp Requirements

- All puppies must have been in the household for at least 2 weeks
- \*\*Received a DAPP vaccine from a veterinarian and one week past that first round
- A Bordetella vaccine (kennel cough)
- A negative fecal test

\*\*It is important to note that there is a potential health

risk for puppies this young to come into our facility with only one round but staff will be keeping everything as sanitized as possible for the safety of the puppies

## Important Clarification

This program is designed to complement, not replace, a puppy kindergarten or manners class you may be attending. The biggest key to puppy socialization and training is consistency! Everyone at home should be involved in the process and keep the same rules and boundaries. By following not only your puppy manners class but enrolling in our puppy day camp you will soon have a well socialized and confident puppy.

## Resources

- AVSAB Position Statement of Puppy Socialization
- Hands Full Dog Training
- Life Skills for Puppies, Laying the foundation for a loving, lasting relationship by Helen Zulch & Daniel Mills

