



## Boarding Dog Usual Routine

Boarding dogs have their personal space, which depending on if they are crated or not, is generally a guest room. In the mornings, everyone gets to eat in their personal space (unless they refuse to eat in their personal space, then we accommodate them out where they can experience less FOMO).

During a normal daycare day, I have several planned sections that I use as they fit in. I do try to keep a routine since it usually helps decrease any anxiety in pups. We have outside time with lots of running, tug, fetch, etc. Once they're a little tired, and we head inside, we practice commands for treats (usually **dehydrated chicken or milkbones**) to help work out their brains, too. Once attention wanes there, we either get another potty break or go into "puzzle time," where pups get to play with **kongs and other treat dispensing toys** so that they can have some individual quiet time. From there, we either have more outside playtime or puppy naptime. Overtired dogs can be grumpy, so we always encourage their ability to nap as needed. I rotate more outside/inside playing throughout the rest of the day as needed and by gauging how all the pups feel.

If a dog is tired but the group is not, they are encouraged to take a nap in the office with my husband or in their personal space. If one particular dog is refusing to sleep and the group is otherwise tired, I work on entertaining the one dog while the others snooze.

Once the daycare pups go home for the day, we have dog dinners between 4-6pm generally. They can eat in their personal space if that works best for them, and then we all join back together to hang out and play/nap throughout the evening until bedtime. At bedtime (~8:30pm), we have the last potty break, and then the dogs all get a "toothbrush" or **dental chew**.

Visiting dogs are welcome to sleep in our bed with us if that is what they are used to doing at home. We have many clean crates of all sizes if they are usually crated at night, they can have free access to the guest rooms, or they can sleep on the couch in the living room if that is what they are used to. Some dogs must see the comings and goings of the front door to be able to sleep, it seems. Visiting dogs will never share a personal space with another family's dogs without human supervision, too. So, the living room is first-come, first-served.

All rooms have a speaker, and pets can listen to anything they prefer at night or when otherwise alone. If no preference is shared, we will play relaxing "dog music."

Green text is for food items—please notify if your pet has dietary restrictions.