



## **Resort Guidelines for Dogs**

Happy Tails Pet Resort and Spa strives to provide a fun and safe social environment for your pets. We pride ourselves in providing loving and high quality care. To ensure the safety and health of all dogs, we must comply with the following:

### **Age and Breed Restrictions**

1. Puppies at 14 weeks of age may attend provided they have completed their third set of shots (see DHLPP/DHPP below) and have received a Rabies vaccination
2. All daycare dogs age six months or older must be spayed or neutered. Documentation of from the veterinarian must be provided. Once a puppy reaches age six months they will not be eligible to continue attending until they are spayed or neutered.
3. All dogs must be housebroken.
4. Insurance restrictions to not allow us to accept Staffordshire Terriers, Presa Canarios, Cane Corsos and Pit Bulls.

### **Meet and Greet Assessment**

- Before your dog attends Dog Daycare, a Meet and Greet Assessment is conducted to ensure your dog is not toy, food, people or dog aggressive, and to ensure your dog is placed in the correct playgroup. The Meet and Greet Assessment takes approximately 30 minutes, conducted by appointment and at no charge.

### **Health**

1. All dogs must be healthy. When attending, all dogs must be free from any illness or disease that could potentially be harmful to other dogs. Dogs must be in good general health and not been treated for a communicable illness in the past 15 days and/or have completed the prescribed antibiotics or treatment. For example, mites, mange, conjunctivitis, whip worms, kennel cough, A veterinarian certification of health may be required in some instances.
2. If your dog has a chronic condition such as hypo/hyper thyroid, diabetes, epilepsy, glaucoma or periodic seizures, you are responsible for informing Happy Tails of the condition, any medication requirements and/or activity restrictions. A Veterinarian certification authorizing attendance may be required. Happy Tails Pet Resort and Spa reserves the right to refuse services to any dog due to illness, flea or tick issues.
3. Happy Tails requires all dogs be on a preventive flea and tick program. Canine guests with signs of fleas and/or ticks will be treated in our Grooming Salon at the pet parent's expense prior to check-in.
4. All dogs must be out of a shelter type environment for 14 days prior to attending our facility.



### **Vaccinations**

- At the time of the Meet and Greet Assessment, your dog must meet the following vaccination requirements. Photocopies a facsimile of veterinarian records, including expiration dates, must be provided. Dogs whose inoculations/tests are not current cannot be assessed or attend daycare. It is the owner's responsibility to keep inoculations up to date and provide documentation to Happy Tails. We request that your dog be vaccinated for 14 days prior to attending Happy Tails; it takes this long for the vaccinations to take full effect.
  - ✓ Rabies–The Rabies certificate or veterinarian proof of vaccine must be provided, along with the rabies tag number.
  - ✓ DHLPP/DHPP–Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus vaccinations must be current and kept up-to-date. You also may want to consider vaccinating for Lyme's disease.
  - ✓ Bordetella (Kennel Cough) – This immunization is generally given by your veterinarian only upon request and must be repeated every six months if your dog attends Daycare. If your dog has never had this immunization or if it has expired, it must be administered 7 days or more before the Meet and Greet Assessment It may be given as an injection or intranasal at the discretion of your veterinarian.
  - ✓ License – A Vermont dog license for the current year is a state law for all dogs age three months and older. The license number must be provided. The license is issued by the city or town in which you reside.
  - ✓ Fecal Test - All dogs must have a fecal flotation (feces sample) test by your veterinarian to check for parasites and bacterial infections. The test must be done within 30 days of the Meet and Greet Assessment. The veterinarian record must show the fecal test was "clean." If any parasites or infections are found in the feces, your dog can not take the Meet and Greet Assessment or attend daycare or other programs at the Resort until the test is repeated and the results are "clean." The fecal test must be repeated by your veterinarian every six months.

### **Application – Registration - Release**

- All dogs must have a completed, signed and approved Application, Registration and Release Form on file at Happy Tails. By registering, owners are certifying that their dog has not previously shown threatening or aggressive behavior towards any person or dog. Owners must sign a contract agreement and release certifying that their dogs(s) are not aggressive and have not shown threatening behavior towards any other person or dog(s).



### **Attire**

1. For your dog's safety we require that while on Happy Tails Pet Resort and Spa's property, all dogs must be leashed until they are handed off to a caregiver. This includes to and from your vehicle.
2. All dogs must arrive on a leash and wear a quick release style collar; preferable with an identification tag. Choke collars and prong collars are permitted only for arrival and departure and will be removed during play.
3. We strongly recommend that your pet is micro-chipped for his/her safety.