



## **WHAT HAPPENS AT DAY CAMP**

The Barkley's Day Camp provides a safe, leash-free environment for "approved" dogs to play, run, swim, bark and chew all day. However, there are a few items to note if your dog attends Day Camp:

- 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 injury, we will contact you immediately, or if minor, we will advise you at the time of departure.
- Day Camp's leash-free environment allows dogs the opportunity to play in close physical contact (including nose-to-nose contact) with each other. Similar to kids who share a classroom, this contact increases the risks for the spread of communicable disease. Even though The Barkley's #1 goal is a healthy and safe environment, no amount of sanitation, pre-screening or vaccination requirement can be 100% effective against the spread of communicable illnesses. Just as in elementary school, hopefully 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 instill the "time out" policy to help keep control and to minimize any unforeseen problems or injuries. For safety and aggression concerns, dogs who are fed during Day Camp hours will only be fed in "time out".
- In the hot months, we keep the dogs as cool as possible. We do have baby pools and, of course, the hose is one of the most favorite games! Similar to children, dogs at play do get dirty. Rain and snow play can add to this. We will make every effort to send your dog home as clean and dry as possible. We do offer special bath discounts for Day Camp dogs.
- Water is always available for the dogs, however, your dog may be too excited or distracted to remember to drink on a regular basis. Some dogs may try and make up for this when returning home. Remember, excessive water intake (or even eating) may cause an upset stomach or lead to other problems. If you are worried about your dogs water intake, please consult your vet with any questions you may have.

Should you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to one of our client advisers.