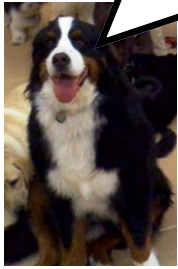


We're celebrating our 10th anniversary!



DOGGIE DAYCARE center



Report from the Pack Leader...

Winter is almost over and spring is on the way. It has been four months since I became the managing owner of Doggie Day Care Center and it has been a remarkable adventure. I have always loved being in the company of dogs and now to be able to have so many of them in one place every day is truly exciting. Every one of them is special and unique and they bring so much joy and fun to each day. I feel very fortunate that you have entrusted their care to me and my staff.



We take their care very seriously and do our very best to ensure they have a good time in a safe and controlled environment. I am especially proud of the staff; they treat each dog as if they were their own. They don't just monitor the dog's play, they are directly involved with them by regularly

petting, brushing, talking and playing with them (when they're not mopping up pee or picking up poop but that's a story for another article).

I have added a few new talented staff members that I hope you get to know. It's important that you feel confident with the people that are responsible for your dog. The first is Amanda Larke, a student at Capital University. Also, Lindsey Riley a zoology major, hoping to study veterinary medicine. Finally, Christine Durik, a student at Columbus State, studying to be a veterinary technician. They join Amy Beyer, Kelly Mulroy, Calie Simari and



Brittany Shroll who are the backbone of DDC. Calie, Brittany and Amy are also studying to be veterinary technicians at OSU and Columbus State.

I want to thank all the original clients for giving me a chance to show you that your dog is in good hands and that my primary goal is not to change what existed before but only to improve on it. And to all the new clients, thank you for seeing the benefits of bringing your special companions to Doggie Daycare Center because I believe it is the best of its kind in Central Columbus. As one client said to me "if my dog is as excited to come in the door as he is to come home than I have found the right place." As ever, Karen Kiser



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Up Close and Personal with...



Amy

I grew up in... Hilliard, OH

I live in... Hilliard-same house after 20 years

I've worked at DDC for... About 1 and a half years.

Part of my job I like most is... Of course, the dogs. And I can't forget the awesome clients who are cool enough to bring their dogs to play with us.

Part of my job I like least is... We all know what that is...the poop!! But I've learned to make it fun.

When did you decide you wanted to work with animals? The earliest I can remember is when I was 5, messing around in the creek with frogs and tadpoles. Ever since then I have wanted to.

Modern Inventions You Can't Live Without are...

1. My car...even though it is a hoopty.
2. My Phone...got to stay in touch.
3. I've got to give it up for electricity...even though it's not really modern.

For my last meal I want... An entire buffet of all my favorites & fatty foods. Obviously I won't care about my figure.

If I won the lottery, I would... Buy many acres of land & a big house for all my dogs & rescues & I will hire someone to pick up the poop.

In five years, I will... Hopefully be a vet tech, possibly a vet.

What makes DDC a great Everyone here loves dogs. We respect them and always know where their favorite scratch spots are. Not to mention we go out of our way to make sure every dog's needs are taken care of!

My Favorites...

Favorite Movie(s): Princess Bride & Nightmare Before Christmas

Favorite TV Show(s): CSI, crime shows, Forensic Files

Favorite Musical Performer: I love anything from 40's-70's plus some 80's and my screaming bands like Devil Wears Prada & Pantera

Favorite Dessert: Nothing too rich, banana/nut flavored.



**Parker
L.**

Breed: Mixed

Age: 2 years-ish

I live with... Max, an 8 year old Lab/Dalmation, Frankie a 10 year old chow/Golden mix; 3 cats and 2 two-Leggers.

I have lived with my family... For seven months.

My Adoption Story: Last June, a good Samaritan found me tied to a tree in Woodward Park's woods. The vet thinks I had been there for about a week. I had multiple wounds & I was in bad shape. At the vet we found out, I had been stabbed through the back, perforating my small intestine. I had surgery and made a full recovery. During this time, while at Pets Without Parents, a small shelter in Clintonville, the very next day, some nice two leggers saw them giving me a walk and asked about me and ended up taking me home. I now have a great home with a very loving family.

I have been coming to DDC... About one month.

I visit DDC.. About twice per week.

I come to DDC because... I have lots of energy that needs to be used up, and mom needs a break.

My Favorites...

Favorite Toy: Rope Toys!! I have about 30 of them at home.

Favorite Treat: Anything I can chew.

Favorite Place to Sleep: Curled up by the radiator or in my crate.

Favorite Playmate: When I am at home, Max and I love to play outdoors.

Favorite Game/Activity: Chase games

Kennel Cough and Bordetella 101

Q: What is kennel cough, what do you do about it, and can my dog get it?

A: Canine infectious tracheobronchitis (kennel cough) is one of the most prevalent infectious diseases in dogs. Fortunately, the majority of cases are not serious, and resolve on their own in one to two weeks. The main cause of kennel cough is the airborne bacteria, bordetella bronchiseptica.

A dog with kennel cough will develop a coarse, dry, hacking cough about five to ten days after being infected. It sounds as if the dog needs to "clear its throat," and the cough will be triggered by any extra activity, drinking water, or being exposed to a change of temperature or level of exercise. Many dogs that acquire kennel cough will cough every few minutes, all day long. They will wretch and sometimes vomit a white foamy

looking matter. Their general state of health and alertness are usually not affected, they usually have no rise in temperature, and do not lose their appetite.

Even in the most hygienic, well ventilated, spacious dog facilities, the possibility of a dog acquiring kennel cough exists. Kennel cough can be acquired from your neighbor's dog, from a champion show dog at a dog show, from the animal hospital, or from the sidewalk where an infected dog walked earlier. In other words, kennel cough can be picked up anywhere dogs are present.

Similar to the flu, kennel cough has many different strains. Therefore, even if a dog has been vaccinated from the most common occurrences, they can still contract a different strain of the virus. There is no way to ensure that your dog will be 100% immune. Local vet-

erinarians have opposing schools of thought on the virus. Creature Comforts in Dublin recommends that dogs in dog day cares, get vaccinated every 6 months, while a clinic in Grove City does not vaccinate due to no vaccine being able to protect the animal against the multitude of strains that exist. If you have any questions about kennel cough, please discuss with your vet.

Doggie Daycare Center requires that all dogs that enter the facility have current bordetella vaccinations on file and that those records are updated in a timely matter every year.

If you suspect your dog has kennel cough, please isolate your dog and seek medical advice from your veterinarian.

TLC with...Parker L.

Parker L. came to us in November, 2007. His owner told me of his sad and traumatic experience (see adoption story in Up Close and Personal) and that Parker was fearful of strangers and unfamiliar dogs which was completely understandable considering what he had been through. His owner wanted him to be able to play with other dogs and to be socialized with people as well.

Once the staff learned of Parker's story, everyone was willing to

"We learned that he wasn't sure how to play with other dogs ..."

work with him and show him lots of love and to let him know that the world isn't filled with abuse and rejection.

Through watching Parker we learned that he wasn't sure how to play with other dogs and he could be somewhat intense in his actions which scared some of the dogs. We monitored his interactions closely and corrected him

when he got too excited. After awhile he began to understand how to play nicely and now he has many friends that seek him out for a romp. We have all seen a remarkable change in Parker. He is fun and loving and enjoys his time with us. He now has a safe home and many friends who love him and appreciate his great personality here at Doggie Daycare Center.



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*Celebrating our
10th Year!*



**Valet Service
is coming
soon!!**

Cold? Raining? Running Late?

For a two week trial period we will be testing out an optional Valet service. For \$1 cash for each pick up or drop off, we will escort your dog to your car or into the facility for you. Simply call DDC (614) 221-2251, and let them know you are in front of the building. \$1 must be paid at the time of service. We welcome any feedback or suggestions. Watch for signs.

Did you know...



We offer multi-dog packages for 2 or 3 dog families.

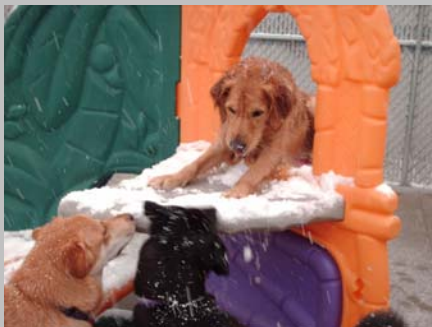
2 Dogs \$330 for 10 days
3 Dogs \$300 for 6 days

We have a new 5 visit package for \$100.

Packages are a great way to save money because you can bring your dogs whenever it fits into your schedule yet still get a great discounted rate.



Refer a friend and get one free day of daycare.



Behind the Scenes

