



Dear Pet Parent,

Thanks for choosing MaryMac's Doggie Retreat for doggie daycare! Whether or not your dog has been involved in a doggie daycare program before, MaryMac's is a little different than most other daycares as it offer structured play time and tailored activities based off of temperament. All dogs do take 1.5-2 hours for lunch to rest, and can rest throughout the day as they like, however, our daycare focuses on smaller group play which won't leave your dog worn out!

Things to Know

- ❖ Sometimes, energy creates energy. Though dogs get the opportunity to rest, he/she may still be amped up when they get home. He/she may miss you and want you to play with him/her for a few minutes. This is not abnormal either. It should be very short lived compared to non-daycare days though.
- ❖ Dogs may be unusually hungry or thirsty on daycare days. They have an ample supply of water. We cannot force dogs to drink, but we do make sure there is plenty of clean, fresh water available. Running and playing creates a big appetite, too!
- ❖ Dogs play with their paws, which includes their nails. If you notice when your dog jumps on you, they may leave scratches. That is the same concept of what happens when dogs wrestle and play with other dogs at daycare. These are usually not deep cuts, but can be if you allow your dog's nails to get too long. This is the risk of allowing dogs to interact. You may have seen similar scratches when dogs play at dog parks. There is really no way to avoid this; all dogs have nails. If you are worried about this, doggy daycare is not the right environment for your dog.
- ❖ Please note that daycare is indoors AND outdoors (for walks and potty). That means on rainy days your dog is likely to get dirty or muddy. **We do not offer complimentary bathing service.** Please be prepared to bring towels for your vehicle for the ride home, and to bathe your dog when you get him/her home. Should your dog get very muddy, MaryMacs' staff may contact you to offer an optional bath for a nominal charge. If you are worried about your dog getting dirty, you should opt not to bring him/her on rain days.
- ❖ We strive hard to provide a safe, fun environment for your dog to play in. If at any point in time your dog is deemed unsuitable for this free play, cohabitate environment, you will be notified immediately. **Should your dog cause injuries to another dog, you are responsible for all vet bills that are incurred.** We do our best to diligently warn you of issues as we become concerned about them, before anything arises, and it is your duty as a responsible pet parent to proactively work with a trainer and modify behavior. We see your dog much less frequently than you do and can only do so much here at daycare.
- ❖ Accidents can happen, and injuries can occur; that is the risk of dogs playing together. As it states in our intake paperwork, MaryMac's Doggie Retreat and its staff are not responsible for any incidents that may occur during doggie daycare. The risk is quite low, but it is the same concept as children going to daycare and playing on a playground or otherwise interacting.

Thanks again for choosing us for your daycare needs!

The MaryMac's Family.