

## HELPING YOUR PUPPY THRIVE IN DAYCARE AND/OR BOARDING

The adolescent stage in dogs, which can start as early as 6 months and last until 24 months, is akin to their teenage years. During this period, hormonal changes can lead to behavioral issues as they test boundaries with humans and other dogs. Here's how we can support your puppy's development:

**Crate Training:** Crates provide a safe and comfortable space for puppies to rest, ensuring they get enough sleep. It's essential for puppies to be comfortable in crates to make their daycare experience more enjoyable.

**Limited Playtime:** We carefully select playmates for adolescent dogs to ensure they interact with dogs they play well with. This helps in their behavioral education and fosters positive socialization as they grow older.

**Addressing Behavioral Challenges:**

- **Resource Guarding:** We monitor for signs of resource guarding to prevent unsafe situations.
- **Jumping Up:** Consistent jumping can lead to accidents, so we discourage this behavior.
- **Excessive Barking:** Constant barking creates a stressful environment, so we work to minimize it.
- **Recall Difficulty:** Being able to recall your dog promptly is crucial for their safety and the group's well-being.
- **Fear Phase:** Adolescents may experience fear phases, and we strive to create a supportive environment to help them overcome their fears.

**Training and Support:**

We want your puppy to thrive in daycare, but we may need to pause daycare if certain behaviors arise. We recommend working with a trainer to address these behaviors and practicing at home. Crate training from a young age fosters peaceful rest and helps alleviate fears during boarding.

We're here to create a safe and fun environment for your puppy's daycare experience, but we rely on your partnership in addressing behavioral challenges to ensure their continued participation.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your furry friend.

Warm regards,

Glacier K9

Signed Agreement \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_