



Happy Paws Pet Camp

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Flossie's Corner

Weather permitting; we should be done with the bulk of construction by March 11th. This has been a challenge.

However, what has been more of a challenge - having a nicely painted front door! I have had it painted twice and it looks like a third time is going to be needed. Parents who don't bring their dog in on a leash - or those that do bring them on a leash, but can't stop them from jumping up on the front door - have all added to the scratches that you see.

I understand the dogs are anxious to come to camp - however, I am anxious to have a nice looking front door . . . so . . . effective immediately the fence to the "tunnel" will be opened in the AM. You can admit your dog through the tunnel and our people will meet the dog at the other end. Then you can come inside and check your dog in. *I believe it will be easier to re-direct the dog's attention instead of trying to curb their excitement to come to camp.*

My goal is to do the improvements to the property without raising prices. But if I have to keep paying to do the same thing 2 or 3 times - I will not have a choice. Please help me make this a place you can be proud to bring your pup!

Flossie

Bordetella

When people started boarding their dogs at Kennels, they had to start giving their dogs a vaccine called Bordetella (also known as Kennel Cough). Up until the start of Happy Paws all kennels had cages where the dogs were put at night - thus separating them from each other. The vaccine was always considered good for one year and it was a spray up the nose.

However, when we opened Happy Paws, the Department of Agriculture inspectors all insisted that I should require Bordetella every 6 months because our dogs do communal drinking and sleep in a pack with no barriers.

The pharmaceutical companies have come out with a shot that they claim is better and can last more than 6 months.

Here are the facts:

1. The shot puts chemicals into your dog's blood stream, which affects the immune system. It's designed for the immune system to fight Bordetella and build up anti-bodies.

However, you must get the booster as directed by the vet. So it is actually putting chemicals into your dog's blood stream twice.

2. The spray up the nose puts a coating in the nasal cavity of your dog. So when the dog sniffs and comes in contact with Kennel Cough, the coating counter acts the germs.

With the spray there are no chemicals going into your dog's blood stream. However, we need this to be done every 6 months to lesson the chance of the Kennel Cough germs getting into the dog's body.

Big pharmaceutical promotes the shot because they can charge more. I believe we already put too many chemicals in our dog's bodies.

I prefer we continue to do the spray up the nose every 6 months. However, if you are more comfortable with shot - lets talk. I don't want to put that strong of a chemical in the dog's body every 6 months unless the required booster is in 6 months, then it works itself out.

Facebook

As we all know, Jessica is our queen of Facebook. Well, she is adding a new feature. We are posting on Facebook whether or not our daycare dogs ate and how much they consumed.

So Monday through Friday, instead of thumbing through the Feeding Book at the front desk, you can check it on your phone or computer. Lunch is posted early afternoon - dinner around 6 PM.

One of the reasons we are doing this is to expedite your check out process, especially if you have a block.

I notice Jessica is checking people out before they even come inside.
BEWARE March 4th - I will be on the desk and we all know how great I am at that! LOL!
Flossie

Collars

I want to thank the 98% of our customers who are making sure the camp collars are on their dogs when they come to camp.

Take your containers home with you at the end of the day . . . or collars.

Those of you on the list will be receiving a form in the mail that our lawyers want you to sign. We would prefer you use the collars, but due to the lawsuit in front of the Georgia Supreme Court, my insurance company (and I) want to be proactive.

We will need you to sign and notarize the "Hold Harmless" form and return it to us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I'll be happy to explain the reasoning behind the letter.

Food Containers

We have 2 drawers and a shelf full of empty containers. Please take your containers home with you at the end of the day . . . or use plastic bags so we can just throw them in the trash.