



**PLAYFUL
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DOGGY DAYCARE**

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Bark-Worthy Newsletter

What's News...

Welcome back to the Playful Pups Doggy Daycare Newsletter!

As always we've been as busy as Kelpies keeping up the high standard of care you've come to love and expect of us.

In February, to start the year off as best we can, our team got together on a Saturday here at the quiet warehouse to hone our skills. We met with the amazing Tamara of Underdog Training who helped our staff brainstorm some new ways to keep the pups happy, safe and enriched. Regular training sessions for our humans help us be the best doggy daycare around!

We had some warm weather to farewell summer and made the most of it. Pool parties, ice cubes and misting fans help to keep all the puppies cool and comfortable on the warmest of days. Make sure to keep an eye on our social media accounts to keep up with the fun.

As always we celebrated many a birthday party for our furry friends. Please note that we are currently booked out for the next two months! If you'd like a birthday party and cake, please get in contact as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Newsletter Highlights

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HAPPY BARK-DAY

POWDER PUPS GROOMING TIPS



Kennel Cough... The facts

Similar to other community-spread illnesses, kennel cough can make its rounds among our furry friends. It's important to keep up with regular C5 vaccinations to help prevent it, but if your pup does catch it, don't fret too much. Just like we've seen with other viruses, symptoms are usually mild in vaccinated dogs.

Keep an eye on your pooch for signs like a runny nose, sneezing, or a dry, hacking cough. If you think they might have kennel cough, it's best to keep them isolated until the coughing clears up.

At a Glance:

TIMELINE:
Incubation Period
2 - 14 days

Length of Symptoms
7 - 14 days

Contagious after symptoms subside:
7 days

SYMPTOMS:

Hacking Cough	Discharge from eyes
Sneezing	Fever
Runny nose	Vomiting
Loss of energy or appetite	

What we do:

- Make sure every dog is current on their C5 vaccinations.
- Maintain rigorous hygiene protocols year-round.
- Our staff diligently monitors all dogs for any symptoms.
- We inform customers and isolate any dogs that show symptoms while in our care or if a customer contacts us reporting their dog's symptoms.
- Continuously strive to educate our customers.



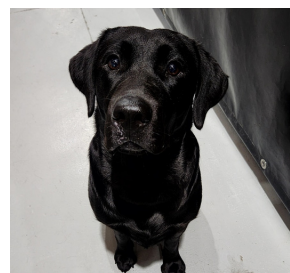
Who's New in the Pack!

We have welcomed many new friends to the pack, including



Louie the Cavoodle
 Goldie the Jack Russel
 Pebbles the Min. Groodle
 Deefeer the Pomapoo
 Remy the Staffy X Kelpie
 Bubbles the Rottweiler
 Blue the Bull Mastiff X
 Poppy the Labrador
 Chewie the Labrador
 Ellie the Golden Retriever

Tully the Border Collie
 Annie the Border Collie
 Charlie the Smooth Collie
 Jaxon the Dachshund
 Marley the Dachshund
 Murphy the Bull Arab
 Rufus the Groodle
 Pippa the Kelpie
 Toby the Kelpie
 Kodi the Cavoodle





"You can usually tell that a man is good if he has a dog who loves him."





MYTH

Oodles are low maintenance.



FACT

Oodles have thick curly coats that should be brushing at least once a week, and need a professional groom every 6-8 weeks. If not groomed regularly they need to be shaved down which can cause skin sensitive, clipper rash and sun burn.

Powder Pups Vanity Room



Happy Bark-Day!

This month we celebrated Birthdays for:

- Laddoo the Staffy who turned 1
- Ted the Jack Russel who turned 3
- Nancy Cankles the Dachshund who turned 3
- Roger the Staffy who turned 2
- Biggie the Staffy who turned 9!
- Roger the Labrador who turned 3
- Hazel the Bulldog who turned 3

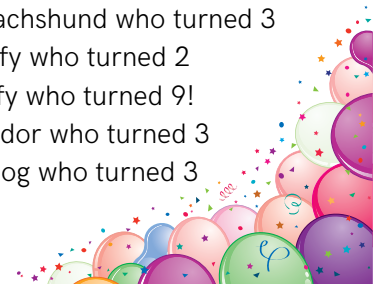




Photo Gallery





Upcoming Closure Dates:

Please note we will be closed on the dates listed below.

Anzac Day Long Weekend:
Thursday the 25th of April and Friday
the 26th of April

Breed Highlight

Japanese Spitz

Starring Ivy

The Japanese Spitz breed originated in Japan during the 1920s, with the aim of creating a unique and distinctive dog that would rival the popular European breeds.

The Japanese Spitz was initially used for hunting small game, and as a watchdog, but was later used for other canine disciplines like agility, obedience, and search and rescue operations.

Today, the Japanese Spitz is a popular companion breed worldwide, thanks to its friendly temperament, loyalty, intelligence, and striking appearance.



Consulting, Tips and Classes

Our friends at Underdog are running classes here at Playful Pups again this year! High quality training and advice in a place your dog already feels at home, Underdog's group classes are a great way to start the new year off right with some new skills.

Running Saturday mornings from 9AM
Head to the Underdog website to book your spot.

Underdog Training Tip!

What do park benches, trees, light poles and fire hydrants all have in common? They are all great tools to train your loose lead walking with your dog!

Having a focal point to walk between, weave through and practice left and right turns is a great way to make walking on a loose lead interesting for you and your dog.

Next time you take your dog out, think about using these environmental wickets to your advantage.





Dogs, Translated!

Humping...

We've all been there, our dogs are playing nicely, then suddenly someone's humping. While embarrassing there's a lot of reasons a dog might hump when interacting with another dog.

It's not about dominance or 'being on top' It's often a sign of stress or over-arousal and they don't know how else to deal with the pent up feelings they are having. The best thing to do is recall away, take a moment to settle and try again.

Reviews.

Thanks to Elizabeth and 'Office Manager' Izzy!

We love everyone that works here.
Our puppy loves going to see Joe.
Can't speak highly enough of the way they treat our little girl. 😊



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