

The Bark Spot Guide

To Boarding, Daycare & Grooming
for Happy, Healthy Dogs!



Everything pet parents need to know to make your dog's experience
stress-free, safe, and full of tail wags.

Because every dog deserves the best care when they're away from home.



The Bark Spot



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Welcome to The Bark Spot



At The Bark Spot, we know your dog is more than a pet—they're family. Whether you're looking for a fun-filled daycare experience, a comfortable overnight stay, or a fresh grooming session, we're here to make sure your pup feels loved, cared for, and safe.

Our team of passionate animal lovers is trained to handle dogs of all breeds, sizes, and personalities. We pride ourselves on providing a clean, enriching, and safe environment where every tail wags a little harder.

Our Services Include:



Dog Boarding: Spacious, cozy suites with personalized attention.



Dog Daycare: Supervised playtime and socialization opportunities.



Grooming: From nail trims to full spa treatments.

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Thank you to our bathers each week for Milo and Maggie! They come home looking amazing! It has become part of their routine and you are an important part of their lives and ours. Thanks for taking such good care of them. Thanks to the front staff for always working with keeping us scheduled for our weekly baths and being so friendly. All of these reasons makes us want to keep coming back. We also recommend you to all our friends with dogs too. The quality is awesome in bathing and full grooming! I love that they get cute bandanas every week. Our dogs expect them and love them now.

It's an amazing price for the monthly fee and weekly baths. They get cleaned every week and I don't have to do it.

We also recommend the kenneling here! We bring our dogs every time we go out of town. They are amazing!

-Michelle P.



Packing Checklist

for Boarding



Before your pup's stay, make sure you're fully prepared. **Here's what to pack for a stress-free experience:**

The Essentials

- Food:** Bring your dog's regular food, measured and labeled by meal.
- Medications:** Clearly labeled with dosage instructions.
- Collar & ID Tag:** Ensure your contact info is up to date.
- Bedding:** A small blanket or bed that smells like home.
- Favorite Toy:** Comfort items help ease anxiety.
- Vaccination Records:** Proof of up-to-date vaccinations (Rabies, Bordetella, DHPP).
- Treats:** Optional—but always appreciated!

What to Leave at Home

- Rawhide chews (choking hazard)
- Bowls (we provide sanitized ones)
- Large bedding (space-limited for washing)

Pro Tip



Label everything! It helps staff keep track of your dog's belongings.

"We love the Bark Spot! They go above and beyond and you can tell they truly care about the dogs in their care. We had never boarded our dog and needed to for 5 days. They had us bring him in for playdates for free beforehand so that he could get used to the people and environment. Then, sent home a goodie bag of treats with him that he loved."

Ashley P.



What to Expect During Your Dog's First Daycare Visit



Your dog's first day at daycare is like the first day of school—**exciting, a little new, but so much fun!**



Check-In & Evaluation

We start with a quick temperament assessment to understand your dog's comfort level, play style, and social cues. This helps us match them with the right playgroup.



Meet & Greet

Your pup will be slowly introduced to one or two friendly dogs before joining a small group. We go at their pace to ensure a positive experience.



Playtime!

Dogs enjoy indoor and outdoor play areas with toys, agility structures, and pools (weather permitting). Our staff monitors every tail wag and play bow.



Rest & Recharge

We schedule quiet nap breaks to prevent overstimulation and keep dogs relaxed.



Pick-Up Report

At pick-up, you'll receive a full "doggy report card" detailing your pet's day—new friends made, activities enjoyed, and nap times.



Grooming Frequency

by Breed

Pro Tip



Brush your dog's coat at home between visits to prevent matting and promote skin health.

Regular grooming isn't just about looking good—it's about staying healthy.

Here's how often your dog should visit the groomer:

Breed Type	Grooming Frequency	Recommended Services
Short-Haired (Beagle, Boxer, Dalmation)	Every 8-12 Weeks	Bath, nail trim, ear cleaning
Medium Coat (Corgi, Australian Shepherd)	Every 6-8 Weeks	Bath, deshedding, trim
Long-Haired (Shih Tzu, Maltese, Golden Retriever)	Every 4-6 Weeks	Full groom, detangling, sanitary trim
Curly Coat (Poodle, Doodle breeds)	Every 4-6 Weeks	Full groom, coat brushing, paw trim
Double Coat (Husky, German Shepherd)	Every 6-10 Weeks	Deshedding, blowout, brushing



Signs Your Dog Needs More Socialization

A well-socialized dog is a happy, confident companion. **Here are some signs your pup might benefit from more social time:**



Fearful or Anxious

If your dog hides, trembles, or growls during walks, they may need gentle social exposure.



Overexcitement

Jumping, barking, or lunging to play can indicate your dog isn't sure how to greet politely.



Destructive Behavior

Chewing, digging, or excessive barking can be signs of boredom or lack of social stimulation.



Withdrawn or Shy

Dogs that avoid eye contact or retreat from new people may gain confidence from supervised play.

Our daycare program provides structured playgroups and one-on-one guidance from trained staff to help dogs build social skills safely.





FAQ

Q: What vaccines are required?

A: Rabies, Bordetella (kennel cough), and DHPP are mandatory for all services.

Q: Can I bring my dog's favorite toy or blanket?

A: Yes! Familiar items can make your dog feel more comfortable during boarding or daycare.

Q: What happens if my dog gets sick or injured?

A: We contact you immediately and, if needed, your preferred vet. Our staff are trained in pet first aid and CPR. daycare.

Q: Do you separate dogs by size or temperament?

A: Absolutely. We group dogs based on play style and personality, not just size, to ensure safety and fun for everyone.

Q: Can I check in on my dog?

A: Yes! We offer daily updates, photos, and even live webcam access for peace of mind.

Facility Walkthrough



When you walk into The Bark Spot, **here's what you'll see:**

Lobby & Check-In Area

Friendly faces greet you and your pup, answer questions, and handle quick check-ins.

Play Areas

Spacious indoor and outdoor zones with turf, toys, shade, and splash pools—fully supervised and sanitized daily.

Boarding Suites

Private, climate-controlled rooms with comfortable bedding and background music for relaxation.

Grooming Spa

Quiet, clean grooming stations equipped with premium shampoos and dryers designed for safety and comfort.

Training & Enrichment Area





Where pups enjoy puzzle toys, agility courses, and brain games that keep them mentally sharp.









Keeping Your Dog Happy & Healthy

Health & Safety Highlights:

-  Daily cleaning and sanitization
-  Secure fencing and ventilation systems
-  Emergency procedures and first aid-trained staff
-  Limited dog-to-staff ratios for quality attention

Our Promise:

-  Safe, monitored play at all times
-  Clean, comfortable boarding spaces
-  Professional, gentle groomers
-  Personalized care for every dog



Testimonials

What Our Customers Are Saying

"My dog has been going to Ruffledales/Bark Spot for 3 years now, and he still gets so excited when we tell him he is going to "daycare". They are so attentive and so kind to him. I wouldn't take him anywhere else for boarding."

Ginger

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We have the bath and brush membership and it is the best thing I've ever subscribed to! The staff at the Bark Spot is always so friendly and happy to see our Jetty boy every week for his bath. He always comes home happy and looking and smelling fresh. I'd definitely recommend The Bark Spot for all your grooming needs.

Lyndsey W.

"My dog always has such a fun time there! I was originally worried since he came from a shelter that boarding him would be traumatic, but he seems to be too busy to notice we are gone! The staff tells me he runs himself silly with the other dogs and by the end of the day, he's so exhausted, he goes right to bed: no time for whining or anxiety. I'm also grateful the staff texts me photos and updates while we are gone. Overall, it's a relatively cheap option to board my dog, while also ensuring he's comfortable and has a good time while we are gone. Highly recommend!"

Heather P.

Join the Bark Spot Family



Whether it's a weekend boarding stay, a regular daycare routine, or a fresh haircut, **your pup deserves the best—and that's exactly what we deliver.**

Next Steps:

1. **Schedule a Meet & Greet:** Let your pup explore and get comfortable.
2. **Book Your First Visit:** Choose daycare, boarding, or grooming online.
3. **Stay Connected:** Follow us on social media for updates, photos, and community events.



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