



# Bark Park's Talking Dogs

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## What IS Dog Daycare? Should Your Dog Go?

### Daycare Overview

Dog Daycare is very similar to child daycare. Your dog comes each morning and spends all day playing games with staff, getting attention from staff, playing with other dogs and resting. Dogs are grouped according to size and play styles. New dogs are introduced to their appropriate group one at a time at their own level of comfort. The first dogs they are introduced to are ones that are extremely calm and not reactive. Meaning if the new dog is frightened and snaps at the regular dog the regular dog will not respond or react. This teaches new and nervous dogs that it is ok at this place and that no one is going to hurt them. The average time new introductions take is 10-15 minutes. By then the new dog has relaxed and usually is al-

ready playing with the other dogs in its group. At quality Dog Daycares, the playgroups are always supervised by staff and the dogs are never left alone in groups. If a dog doesn't fit in or seem to enjoy themselves, they will not be admitted to daycare. However, this rarely happens.



### Social Interaction

Dogs like us humans are social animals and like to be with each other or with humans. However, dogs communicate with each other much differently than we humans do. They use very subtle body movements and looks as well as barking and

growling to communicate with each other. Actually they do this with us humans too, but most of us are untrained to recognize what they are telling us. This is one reason why it is so great for your dog to go to Dog Daycare especially if they are an only dog. Finally they get to have conversation with someone who understands them! Sort of like a stay at home parent feels when they finally get to experience adult conversation.

### A Tired Dog is a Good Dog

Another reason is that no matter how many walks or runs we give our dogs each day, there is no comparison to a dog running and wrestling and playing with another dog to give them the level of physical stimulation they really need. At the end of the day when you get off work or back from your day out and you are ready to take it easy, so is your dog! **Cont. page 3**

## The New Talking Dogs Newsletter

Bark Park's Talking Dogs is a NEW bi-monthly newsletter about dogs. It is for dogs and their humans in Spring Hill/Brooksville and surrounding areas. It is designed to educate and inform dog people about training, nutrition, interesting dog stories, rescue, new products and services and anything else dog you can think of. Bark Park's Talking dogs wants to provide reliable information on

what is important to dogs and dog lovers in this community.

Send us an e-mail to

[talkingdogs@barkparkdogdaycare.com](mailto:talkingdogs@barkparkdogdaycare.com)

and let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter. No subject related to dogs and their well-being is off limits. If we don't know about the subject already, we will research it for an upcoming issue. This newsletter is meant to help dogs in this community through education and information.

This is their newsletter tell us what you want to know and we'll do our best to find out for you and your dog.



We're On the Web!  
[www.barkparkdogdaycare.com](http://www.barkparkdogdaycare.com)

## Ask a Trainer?

### Why is my new puppy so hard to housebreak?

There are several reasons that this could be happening. Very young puppies do not have the bladder control to hold their urine for more than a couple of hours. It is not until they reach 12 weeks or more that they can physically begin to wait. So in the beginning puppies need to

be taken out every hour or two throughout the day to give them lots of opportunities to go outside. This also reduces a pup's chances to use your home as their toilet and makes housebreaking much quicker. Each time a dog is allowed to go in the house it reinforces that behavior and also leaves a scent that your dog can smell attracting them to

that area again. Each time a dog is allowed to go outside it does the same thing. Therefore if you give your pup more chances to go outside than inside, you will succeed at housebreaking much more quickly and your pup will succeed at making you happy which is all he really wants.



**Potty Training Your Puppy**

*"The more a dog learns in a Positive Training Environment the more they want to learn."*



**"Cricket" on an Off-Leash Down Stay taught using Positive Training Methods.**

## Positive Training is a Real +

Most dog owners want results and quickly. But, no dog owner wants quick results badly enough to knowingly hurt their dog or make them stressed or anxious. Unfortunately many old and outdated training methods do just that. Yes these method produce results, however, they are extremely detrimental to your dog's physical and mental well being. So they hurt your dog in the process. Not only are they physically painful in some cases, but they can be mentally damaging too, which can lead to aggression

and other unwanted issues. Positive training uses no *force* at all, only fun for you and your dog.

What if in ten minutes or less (that's pretty quick), your dog could learn to walk beside you on a leash without pulling you and you didn't have to use a choke chain or prong collar or yell at him to get him to do this? That's what Positive Training teaches.

What if your dog could learn

not to jump on your guests or you with out you kneeling her in the chest or stepping on her toes or jerking on her collar or yelling at her? That's what Positive Training teaches.

What if your dog could learn to go to his bed and stay there whenever you asked him to with out you yelling at him or grabbing him by the collar or chasing him? That's what Positive Training teaches.

What if your dog could learn to come to you whenever you call her without you yelling at her or using an electronic shock **Cont. on next page**

**Success Story** - "Zowie" a 3 year old Border Collie attended training classes as a 6 mo old puppy. At these classes her human was taught to jerk on Zowie's collar to teach her to walk nicely without pulling on the leash. Zowie did learn to walk on a leash ok, but when her human jerked her back just like she was taught, Zowie flattened her ears and began growling at her human because the yanking hurt! Her human became worried and fearful of the growling, so she just began to let Zowie do what she wanted on the walks whenever she began to growl. Zowie had a propensity for stealing things off the table. Again her human was taught to use force to put Zowie down on the ground and physically hold her to take something away from her. Zowie quickly learned that if she growled at her human when she tried to take something away from her that also worked to get her human to leave her alone and let her have whatever she stole. Eventually the human really needed to get some medicine Zowie had "stolen" off the table and when she tried to take it forcefully the way she had been taught, Zowie actually bit her! Zowie became a very nervous and anxious dog who didn't like to play much anymore. Finally all the problems became so bad that Zowie's family considered giving her up! Luckily they first sought out another trainer. This one was a Positive Trainer. After only 7 weeks of learning and practicing Positive Training methods, Zowie walks beautifully on a leash and anyone can walk her! She rarely steals and if she does she gives up whatever she has stolen! Zowie is a much happier, calmer and more playful dog! Her family credits the new Positive Training Methods they learned for literally saving Zowie's life!!

## Dog Daycare, continued from front page.

**Success Story** - “Jack” a 2yo Siberian Husky and German Shepherd mix has been coming to Dog Daycare on the same days of the week for over a year. Every day that he usually comes, he gets up earlier than the other days when he doesn’t come. When his humans don’t finish their morning routines quickly enough on those days, he follows them around the house “talking” to them as if to hurry them up. One of Jack’s Favorite Friends, “Honey” a 2yo German Shepherd mix, gets very excited when her owner asks her if she is ready to go to Bark Park?

Now your dog has had a full day of mental and physical stimulation and love and care from other dog playmates and Dog Daycare Staff. So, both of you can now go home and put your feet up and relax! Your dog is happy and so are you!

### Social Etiquette

Dogs are very much creatures of habit and if they stay in their home and yard all the time and only meet other dogs and people while on leash on walks and don’t get to interact with either dogs or people, they will develop fears and anxieties of new places, new people and new dogs. This is what trainers mean by socialization, exposure to as many new environments

and objects as possible. The younger you start this process the less stressful it will be for your dog. Although if you have a dog that you have acquired later in its life or a dog that has already developed fears and anxieties, they can still be overcome.

### Fighting Fear

Especially in the case of dogs who have been only dogs or are going to be only dogs, going to Dog Daycare is wonderful to help them either overcome fears and anxieties caused by lack of exposure to other dogs and new places or to prevent these things from occurring in dogs who will otherwise not get out much as they mature. A well socialized dog can actually be a pleasure to

take to the veterinarian, or the groomer or any place else! Really!

### A Busy Dog is a Good Dog

Finally if your dog is at Dog Daycare and not at home alone, there is NO chance for your dog to injure itself, destroy your house, become bored, or be anxious and stressed.

Wow! What an easy and fun solution to keep your dog and your family happy, healthy and less stressed!



“JD”, “Honey”, “Izzy” and “Wookiee”

Enjoying Each Other at Dog Daycare

## “Colt” and “Cricket’s” Favorite Finds

REALLY !!

### A NO-PULL HARNESS

5/5 Paws

These harnesses are the friendliest way to walk your dog and keep them from pulling on you. They work

similar to the way you would guide a horse with reins. The leash snaps on at the front of the dog’s chest so that they are unable to get their shoulders into the effort to pull you. Traditional harnesses where the

leash connects up on the dog’s back do allow this pulling. Also, there is no trauma to your dog’s neck like with prong and choke collars and your dog quickly learns to walk comfortably at your pace.

## Positive Training, Continued from previous page.

collar or chasing her? That’s what Positive Training teaches.

What if your dog *wanted* to do whatever you asked with a grin and a wagging tail? That is exactly what you will get if you build a relationship with your dog through Positive Training.

There are so many more things dogs can learn if they are not stressed or anxious or scared. Dogs feel these things just like we do. It is nearly impossible for anyone including dogs to learn when they are feeling that way. Just think how you would feel if every time your

boss wanted you, he yelled for you to come, and if you didn’t come right away you received a mild shock or he came out and chased you into his office. Even sometimes when you did come when he called he ignored you or said “Why are you here?” You would eventually come, but you wouldn’t be happy about or feel good at all. You wouldn’t like your boss and you would be confused. You would do it because you were scared and you wanted the yelling or shocking or chasing to stop. You would probably also do everything you could to avoid your boss and still keep him happy, but you wouldn’t enjoy it.

Eventually you would find another job where you were respected and treated well. We owe the same respect to our dogs since they can’t make that choice for themselves. All dogs really want is to please us and be our companions. Dogs “disobey” us or don’t respond to us because they don’t understand what it is that we want. They are not capable of intentional spite or stubbornness. If your dog gets to learn to behave with Positive Training it is like you working for someone who respects your feelings and wants you to be happy and enjoy your job. The more a dog learns in a

Positive Training environment the more they want to learn. Believe

it or not, your dog is capable of learning tricks and helpful behaviors or to assist the disabled just like dogs on television. It all starts with Positive Training. Won’t you love your dog enough to start right now?



To Find a Positive Trainer in Your Area go to [www.tbaft.com](http://www.tbaft.com).



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in front of Bark Park

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**Force Free Positive Training**





**Where It's Always Fun to Learn How to Behave**

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## Did You Know?

### Next Time in Talking Dogs...

-  More Dog Training Tips
-  Answers to Your Questions
-  Tips on Feeding Your Dog
-  The Closest Dog Parks to Our Area and Their Features



...that just like us, dogs have a full set of baby teeth, which are replaced by a complete set of adult teeth when they are about 4 months old?

...that also like us, dogs can be right

pawed or left pawed?.

...that dog nose prints can be used to identify dogs just like human fingerprints.

...dogs will continue ANY behavior that THEY think has been rewarded. Rewards can be treats, petting, getting to

go someplace or anything else your dog likes.

...that if a small dog growls at strangers, you shouldn't pick it up? Because the dog sees it as a reward for the growly behavior.

### WHY DAYCARE FOR YOUR DOG?

- Dog's are social, pack animals and there are proven benefits from spending time with other dogs
- Daycare reduces boredom, eases separation anxiety and destructive behaviors that may occur when a dog is left home alone with nothing to do
- After exercising, playing, and socializing throughout the day your dog will be healthier, happier, and peaceful in the evenings
- You're having an open house, your carpets cleaned, pest control, etc. and your dog needs a place to go
- No more coming home to an overexcited dog, destroyed furniture, or messes on the floor.

At Bark Park Dog Daycare, we are committed to making your dog feel at home when you have to be away. We are a cage-free facility. We offer daycare, overnight boarding and force-free positive training. We are located near Spring Hill/Brooksville on Hernando/Pasco County Line Rd. between US 41 and the Suncoast Parkway. We are open Monday—Friday from 7 am—6 pm. Please feel free to stop in and see our facility anytime during normal business hours. Please see our Website for lots of pictures a video and even more information.

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“Jack”,  
“Izzy”  
and  
“Lee”  
at  
Bark  
Park



### Some of the things your dog can look forward to during a day at BARK PARK...

- \*A 2 1/2 Acre Dog Playground that is Cage & Crate FREE and Completely Supervised
- \*Safe, Clean, Dog Friendly Environment
- \*Fun Engaging Play with Other Dogs and Qualified Professional Bark Rangers
- \*Indoor Climate Controlled and Spacious Outdoor Play Opportunities
- \*Doggie Swimming Pools, Treadmill and Play Areas
- \*Doggie Games...Fetch, Frisbee, Tug-o-War, Find-It, Agility, FlyBall, Obedience
- \*Quiet Restful Periods on Choice of Plush, Comfy Beds, Couches and Cots
- \*Lots of Toys and Tons of Love

See your best friend soon!