

## **Meaford Doggy Daycare Disruptions Policy**

At Meaford Doggy Daycare, we value the experience of every dog that comes into our care. We do everything we can to ensure our canine guests have an exceptional, enjoyable, and enriching experience.

That's why we have to be diligent in addressing certain canine behaviours that may be disruptive to others, including:

### All Day Barking

Barking is one way that our canine companions communicate. It is a healthy, normal behaviour. However, for some dogs, it becomes a way to deal with excitement or social anxiety, and can persist for several hours. In more extreme cases, an overstimulated dog may bark for the entire day. Unfortunately, this can become rather disruptive, and may have a negative impact on other dogs visiting our facility.

If your dog is an excessive barker, our trained staff will gently work with them using positive reinforcement and distraction techniques to curb this unwanted behaviour. If this doesn't work, we may recommend a qualified trainer to help work with them on positive behaviour modification. If your dog is able to curb this behaviour, they will be invited back to our facility on a trial basis.

### Aggression:

We have a zero-tolerance policy for dogs with aggressive behavioural tendencies that put the safety of others at risk.

If your dog is identified as a dog with aggressive traits, we will happily recommend a qualified trainer to work with them using positive behaviour modification techniques. If your dog is able to curb this behaviour, they will be invited back to our facility on a trial basis.

### Lack of Housetraining

We pride ourselves on keeping our facility clean and healthy for the dogs in our care. Sometimes, accidents happen! However, dogs who are not properly housetrained may be asked to leave doggy daycare until this behaviour is remedied. This is for the health and safety for other animals, as well as for our staff.