

K9 TAILSHAKERS

CANINE ACTIVITY CENTER

Structured Daycare — *Play With Purpose!*

A Different Kind of Daycare!

Our Structured Daycare program is thoughtfully designed to provide a healthy balance of supervised social interaction, physical activity, mental stimulation, impulse-control exercises, and essential rest.

Unlike traditional daycare where dogs may play for hours without a break, our program uses structure, smaller groups, and scheduled downtime to help prevent overstimulation and encourage positive behaviors.



Small Play Groups

Carefully supervised groups (about 6–8 dogs per provider) for a safe, positive experience.

Built-In Rest Peiods

Scheduled downtime helps dogs decompress, recharge, and return to activities refreshed and balanced.

Safety & Well-Being

Thoughtful routines, trained staff, and a capped program keep dogs safe, supported, and set up for success.

Monthly Memberships

Reserve your dog's specific day(s) each week, ensuring a consistent routine, appropriate staffing, and a guaranteed place in our program.

Our Daycare Providers have an amazing support team of PACCC Certified Managers, Pet Tech Trained Leads/Managers and Trainers on staff to talk to when they have concerns or need help.

Structured Daycare FAQ

1 What makes K9 Tailshakers Structured Daycare different from traditional dog daycare?

Our program provides a healthy balance of supervised social interaction, physical activity, mental stimulation, impulse-control exercises, and essential rest. It uses structured activities, smaller groups, and scheduled downtime to help prevent overstimulation and encourage positive behaviors.

2 Is Structured Daycare a training program?

No. Structured Daycare is NOT a training program. It encourages and supports good behaviors while preventing undesirable habits. For dogs needing specific behavioral training, we offer dedicated training programs.

3 How much time will my dog spend playing?

Dogs participate in supervised, 60-minute structured daycare rotations throughout the day, with scheduled rest periods between activities. Our daily schedule includes three morning rotations and three afternoon rotations, with dogs in appropriate groups based on their individual needs.

4 Why does my dog need rest periods?

Rest is essential for a dog's physical and emotional well-being. Continuous activity can lead to overstimulation, fatigue, frustration, and unwanted behaviors. Downtime allows dogs to decompress, recharge, and return to activities in a healthier state of mind.

A tired dog isn't necessarily a happy dog. A balanced dog is our goal!

5 Will my dog be in a crate during the day?

Yes. Crates provide a safe, comfortable space for dogs to rest and decompress between activities. We encourage calm crate behavior, patience, and appropriate transitions. Resting is not a punishment; it is an intentional part of our program.

6 How many dogs are in each group?

We maintain smaller, carefully supervised groups, generally consisting of approximately 6-8 dogs per daycare provider. Our overall daycare enrollment is capped to help ensure appropriate staffing, individual attention, and a safe environment.

7 Does my dog need an evaluation before joining?

Yes. Every dog must complete a daycare evaluation before enrollment. It helps us understand your dog's temperament, comfort level, social skills, and ability to participate safely in a structured group environment. We may recommend a gradual introduction, Enrichment, or Training based on your dog's needs. Evaluation fees are nonrefundable and appointments cannot be rescheduled.

8 What if my dog isn't a good fit for Structured Daycare?

Our goal is to recommend the program that best supports your dog's individual needs. Some dogs may benefit more from our Enrichment or Training programs, where they can enjoy individualized activities and attention without the demands of a group environment. When appropriate, we may recommend reevaluating daycare eligibility in the future.

9 Why do you offer Monthly Memberships instead of daily drop-ins?

Memberships provide consistency for your dog while allowing us to maintain appropriate staffing, manageable group sizes, and individualized attention. Your dog's designated daycare days are reserved exclusively for them, guaranteeing their place on those days. Because our programs have enrollment limits, we don't accept unlimited drop-offs. Memberships renew monthly, and we request two weeks' notice for cancellation.

10 Can I change my dog's scheduled daycare days?

Memberships reserve specific days each week, providing consistency for your dog and allowing us to plan staffing and group participation. Permanent schedule changes may be requested and are subject to availability. If your preferred day is full, we can discuss waitlist options.

11 Does my dog have to participate in every activity?

No. We recognize that every dog has different energy levels, personalities, and comfort zones. Our team monitors each dog's behavior and adjusts participation as appropriate. We prioritize positive experiences over forcing participation.

12 Do you offer additional activities during daycare?

Absolutely! Depending on availability, dogs can enjoy:

- Enrichment activities, puzzles, and fun challenges
- Special themed daycare events
- Delicious treats from our K9 Café
- Grooming services during their visit

Some services and activities have additional fees.

13 Can my dog participate in daycare while boarding?

Structured Daycare participation during boarding is available to dogs with an active daycare membership, subject to their scheduled participation and program arrangements. For boarding guests who are not daycare members, we offer Enrichment options to provide additional activity and individualized attention.

14 What is your overall philosophy about dog daycare?

At K9 Tailshakers, we believe quality daycare is about much more than simply tiring dogs out. With 20 years of experience caring for dogs, we've designed a program focused on safety, thoughtful supervision, consistency, healthy social interactions, and overall well-being. We want dogs to enjoy their time with us while reinforcing the positive behaviors their families appreciate at home.



It's Not Just Daycare. It's Play With Purpose!