**Puppy Policy**

Here at The Cav Club we welcome well behaved, toilet trained puppies. All puppies must have completed their primary vaccinations. They do not need to be spayed or neutered however male unneutered puppies should not mark in the house and any boisterous behaviour should be dealt with through training before boarding. Your puppy will be subject to the usual meet and greet and 1 night’s trial and we will adhere to your regime as much as possible with regards to sleeping arrangements, crate training etc.

Your puppy will experience as much of everyday life as possible whilst with us as it is important for their development that they are given the opportunity to interact with people, their own species and become habituated to noise, objects and unfamiliar sights.

Puppies spend a lot of one and one time with the licensee and are given the opportunity to socialise with other people and other friendly assessed dogs whilst outside on any walks however this is risk assessed appropriately and done in short bursts of time (3 second sniffs) to ensure a positive experience. Note is taken of the recommended exercise regimes. A puppy that is under the age of six months will only walk five minutes per month of its life to ensure its bone development is not impeded. Owners are encouraged to provide a harness for puppies on training lines. Puppies are also encouraged to have activity off lead in safe areas with the owner’s consent however this will only be done inside a secure field.

Regular toilet breaks are encouraged for toilet training. All puppies are fed with the other dogs for socialisation however can be fed separately in a safe area as we know how easily distracted they can be and interested in everyone else’s food! Puppies will be supervised throughout their stay. Increased feeds are adhered to where necessary and toileting habits are closely monitored.

Puppies are examined and handled regularly to acclimatise them to regular contact by way of ongoing socialisation or in case of a vet visit. The right kind of socialisation is encouraged and any play between dogs is closely monitored and a intervention if play becomes too raucous. Basic force free training techniques are used to help puppies continue to develop during their stay using positive reinforcement with treat led games, enrichment activities and regular praise throughout. Cold chews are kept in the freezer for teething time and we provide goats milk before bed to aid bone growth and development.