



Monitoring and ensuring the health and welfare of all dogs

This procedure covers the following topics:

- Health safety and welfare
- Enrichment
- Veterinary Interventions
- Medicines
- New Dogs
- Daily records

The health, safety and welfare of our resident dogs is the top priority at ***The Mayne Stay doggie home boarding***. Dogs are checked continuously throughout the day and interactions with each dog are recorded on the daily record sheet.

1. Check to ensure that the dogs are feeding and drinking normally,
2. Undertake a health check as agreed with the owner
3. 1st Daily Dog Walk
4. 2nd Daily Dog Walk
5. Access to external garden for at least 20 minutes
6. Dog is defecating and urinating & behaving normally

If there is concern for the health or safety of a dog more frequent observations may be undertaken and recorded separately to the daily observation sheet. The date and time of every check should be listed, and notes made on the observations (temperament, behaviour, vomit, diarrhoea, lethargy etc) and the decisions made on next steps e.g., make further observations in an hour, move to isolation, contact a vet, and the staff member or members who have made the decisions.

Enrichment

Enrichment activities are essential for a dog's mental wellbeing. Daily enrichment for dogs will be undertaken which is tailored to the individual dog's needs. This includes;

- Human interactions such as 'play time' or grooming activities
- Interactions with other dogs
- Two 20 minutes walks per day (as a minimum!)
- Opportunity to spend time in the garden
- Puzzle feeders
- Access to a variety of dog toys



Veterinary Interventions

If at **The Mayne Stay doggie home boarding** believes the dog requires treatment by a vet we will first try to contact the owners or the owner's local proxy, except in emergencies. **The Mayne Stay doggie home boarding** will always endeavour to take the dog to its usual vet, but if that is not possible it will be taken to **The Mayne Stay doggie home boarding** Vet's namely **Aquarius Veterinary Centre**. If expensive treatments and investigations are required **The Mayne Stay doggie home boarding** will again try to make contact with dogs' owner or owner's local proxy. If the owner or proxy cannot be contacted **The Mayne Stay doggie home boarding** will take advice from the Vet and make the decisions based on the health and welfare of the dog. If euthanasia is recommended, on humane grounds by the Vet, **The Mayne Stay doggie home boarding** will try to contact the owner or proxy

however **The Mayne Stay doggie home boarding** will not unnecessarily prolong the suffering of dog.

Medicines

The Mayne Stay doggie home boarding will administer all medicines according to the instructions of the owner or Vet. All medication is stored safely in the medicine tin in the upper kitchen cupboard.

New Dogs

All new dogs are closely monitored, especially in the first 48 hours to ensure they are enjoying their stay.

When mixing dogs from different households, a supervised trial session of new dogs will take place to introduce the new dogs to each other. This will be recorded, including which dogs have mixed and the relevant behaviours. Dogs that are aggressive towards each other will not be boarded the same time.

New dogs may require having an overnight trial, form for this can be seen below.

Daily Records Sheet

Daily records are kept to demonstrate:

1. That the dogs are feeding and drinking normally,
2. The health check as agreed with the owner, has been undertaken
3. They have had their 1st Daily Dog Walk away from the home
4. They have had their 2nd Daily Dog Walk away from the home.
5. They have had access to external garden for at least 20 minutes
6. Dog is defecating and urinating normally
7. The dog is behaving normally and not showing signs of stress or ill health.



New Dogs Supervised Trial Session Form

Name of Dog:	
Dogs mixed with	
Observations	
Suitable for mixing with the named dogs:	Yes/No - Further comments
Overnight trial undertaken?	Yes/No – Further comments

Name :

Date:.....

Signature:.....