

DOGGYS DAY OUT WELCOME PACKET

First and foremost, THANK YOU for gifting your time to our rescue dogs! By taking them out for just a few hours a day, you are helping our residents expel their pent up energy, as well as get some mental stimulation by experiencing new places and people! The purpose of Doggys Day Out, is that our dogs will less anxious or exuberant when they meet potential adopters and they gain useful life skills that they wouldn't get from just sitting and waiting in their kennel. And, you're helping people meet our available animals! **RAVE will provide you with a leash, collar/harness, poop bags, water bowl, crate/doggy seatbelt clip if needed and some RAVE business cards!**

Important Phone Numbers And Contacts:

For General Question/Information/Non Emergencies

Casey Whitehead

Rave.hollyhill@gmail.com

(803) 357-1937

In Case Of Emergency/Medical Emergency: (Call the number above first!)

Contact our veterinarian immediately

Lake Marion Animal Hospital

(803) 488-8800

1349 Felton St, Summerton, SC 29148

If the emergency is too severe call the ER veterinarian

BluePearl Pet Hospital

(843) 216-7554

319 E 3rd N St, Summerville, SC 29483

*****All visits to the emergency clinic must be approved in advance*** If approved, please immediately transport the dog**

Emergencies That Require IMMEDIATE Attention:

- Sudden or blowout diarrhea where dog has no control at all
- Temperatures over 104 degrees Fahrenheit
- Extreme dehydration – If you pinch the skin & it remains tented 5+ seconds.
The eyes may appear to be sunken in. The gums will feel dry or tacky.
- Excessive vomiting or vomiting blood or green or yellow bile
- Vomiting combined with diarrhea and lethargy
- Difficulty breathing or very shallow or labored breathing
- Extreme lethargy - Dog is barely moving or not moving at all
- Swelling of the face or eyes
- Prolapsed rectum
- Ingestion of something toxic
- Swollen or broken limbs
- Seizures
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Sudden disorientation or loss of coordination
- Snake or spider bite
- Anything else that makes you think that your dog is in pain or in danger of passing away
- Non-emergency concerns can be noted at the time of drop off

Before You Pick Up Your Dog:

- Be prepared for anything. Remember, we don't know what many of these dogs have been through. We don't know their past, we don't know how they have been treated, we don't know how their living situation once was, and most importantly, we don't know their true personality. All we do know is what we see here in our care and what little (if any) information their previous caretaker provided (if they were surrenders). We try our very best to match you with a dog that we think will do well with you, but your dog may have a very different personality once they are comfortable.
- Ready your car with the appropriate amount of space for the dog. Depending on the dog, you may need enough space for a size appropriate crate, a friend to help contain the dog to the back seat, or a barrier to avoid the dog from getting to the driver and passengers seat.

- Plan to leave your own dog at home! The goal of our day trips is to give the dog a break from the shelter and some one on one time with humans. Although most of our dogs do well with other dogs and enjoy doggy playtime, we prefer these field trips be geared towards interacting with humans and not with other dogs. RAVE is not liable for the treatment or cost of vet bills incurred for your own pets at your private veterinarian.
- If you plan to take your dog home, please check your fence line and property for holes, loose planks, poisonous plants, foxtails, and dangerous household items. Even if you have/had a dog that has never gotten loose, please don't assume that your property is secure. We don't know the history of most of the dogs we place and the majority of them were strays.

If Your Dog Gets Loose:

- Sometimes despite our best intentions, a dog will get loose. Please try not to panic. If you can see the dog, try calling them. Some of our more social guests may come right to you, but very often even social dogs get frightened once they get loose.
- You may be more successful calling them to get their attention and then walking the opposite direction, kneeling down and digging in the dirt like you've just found something extremely interesting. Reaching for a scared dog will often cause them to bolt and can also result in a bite, so please use caution and only reach for the dog if you feel you can safely do so.
- If the dog is in an area that is secured but is so scared that they are growling at you, please call us so that we can help! If the dog is already in a flat out run and is panicked, they may not respond to you at all.
- Please try following them from a distance so that you can see the direction they are going and hopefully catch up to them once they have slowed down. If they enter a yard, garage, etc., please secure the area to make sure they can't bolt again before attempting to lure them to you.

- We understand that every circumstance is different and that luring your dog to you may not be possible, please call us if this is the case!

If A Bite Occurs:

- If the dog bites anyone (you included) we need to know right away. If the dog bites a stranger, please take all of their information so that we can contact them to fill out the appropriate paperwork.
- We will need you to document what happened and the location and severity of the wound. We are required by law to report any bites that break skin to the appropriate animal control agency. We will also need to follow state laws for quarantine. A bite is not an automatic reason for euthanasia, so please do not hesitate reporting it.
- If you are seeing any signs of aggression, even if it is very minor, please contact your coordinator immediately.

If Someone Is Interested In Adopting:

- If you encounter someone who is interested in adopting your dog, please give them the a business card so that they may follow up about them.
- In general, the adoption fee for adult dogs is between \$300-\$500 and includes vaccinations, microchipping, a year of heartworm treatment & spay/neuter surgeries.
- The majority of our adoptions occur as a result of the dogs being seen on our website. It is very important that we have adorable photos, and if possible a great video of your dog. Please share these at rave.hollyhill@gmail.com or by messaging us on Facebook. We need your help to make sure your dog is seen as much as possible!

As A Participant You Agree To:

- Have the dog under YOUR supervisor at all times
- Never leave children unattended with any dog
- Inform us if the dog bites anyone (you included) right away
- Keep the dog on leash unless confined in your secured home/backyard.
- Do not take the dog to off-leash dog areas, dog parks, or do dog introductions while on your trip
- Pick up and return the dog at the agreed upon times
- Transport the dog in a safe manner by either being in a crate or safely restrained in a back seat
- Report any behavior or medical concerns to your coordinator
- Keep the dog safe by providing adequate rest, shade, shelter and water
- Utilize only positive reinforcement training (do not verbally or physically punish the dog)
- Have a cell phone with you at all times that can be used to contact you
- Present the dog in a positive way to potential adopters and the public