

Boarding School - Boarding plus Training at Meadowbrooke

OVERVIEW

Our Boarding School program is a popular service we've offered for over 25 years. It works extremely well for lots of dog issues: basic obedience skills, housebreaking, politeness problems, first steps toward dog performance sports (e.g., agility), service dog training, and serious behavioral issues. We use a dialog-based approach to dog training that's easy to learn, fun for you and your dog, and universally successful. It's the same language we use for competing with our own dogs at the highest levels of AKC sports, primarily obedience, agility and rally. And if you simply want your dog to walk better on a leash and behave well around family and friends, this is the best program you'll find!

WHAT IS IT?

The obedience curriculum includes C'mere, Sit, Down, Stay, Heel, Leave It, Off and Come. Polite leash walking is always included. These basic skills are useful in themselves, but they also form a framework for the dog language we teach, which you can then use for any skills you want to work on and any problems you run into. We also gladly address additional issues, including housebreaking, mouthing, aggression, jumping, barking, etc.

FOR PUPPIES TOO

With puppies we sometimes propose a *split session*, so we can help you get started with the basics. Then we ask you to bring your dog back again when it's a little older to work on more advanced skills. The split program also works well with many adult dogs. We're very flexible about the timing, whether it's a split session or not.

CAN YOU REALLY HOUSEBREAK?

For housebreaking, scheduling of feeding and exercise is usually the biggest issue, and we have staff to monitor progress and help get your dog on a plan that fits well with your life. Other aspects we'd like to discuss with you include cleaning products and your own indoor/outdoor environments. We have a ton of experience with housebreaking. If things go well, we hope we can translate our success here by providing guidance for the transition back to your home. No trainers should boast that they can solve all housebreaking problems, but we'll give it the best shot you can find anywhere.

HOW LONG

The length of stay is at least 2 weeks total. The trainer will contact you near the end of your appointment and work out a mutually agreeable date for a 'giveback' session. If we ask you for more time to work with your dog (we can usually sense when a little extra time will yield great results), there's no additional fee for the extra time you agree to. If you delay the pickup after we've notified you that we're ready, you will be assessed regular boarding charges. We also offer a 'weekend furlough' option where your dog stays with us for about 3 workday weeks but gets to be reunited with you at your home on the weekends.

HOW MUCH IS IT?

It's \$995 for the whole program; that's a flat fee, no hidden charges. It covers boarding, training, exercise/cuddling (normally an option for boarding-only clients), a collar, and the lesson(s) at the end. We like to have a lengthy training 'giveback' session (60-90 minutes) with you on the day you pick up your dog, and we include additional support/lessons for the year following training at no additional charge. [Note: This does not include lessons in your home, or training during future boarding at Meadowbrooke. Please ask about rates for those services.]

If you wish to have your dog bathed or groomed at the end of the stay here, an additional fee will apply. Our groomers can give you an accurate quote for that ahead of time. A 'complete bath' includes bath, ear cleaning, nail trim and brush out.

We accept all major credit cards in addition to cash and check.

REGISTER!

Our Boarding School program starts with an in-depth registration form (link below), continues with a confirmation email (with lots of details) and includes a check-in interview. Your dog's stay is concluded with a private lesson with you, your dog and the trainer.

Please share all the important info about your dog by filling out our no-obligation form here:

[Boarding + Training Appointment](#)

If you've already filled that out, thanks!

FINAL DETAILS

For your dog to be at Meadowbrooke, **we need written vaccination records from your vet.** You or your vet can email vaccination info to:

vetrecords@mbkennel.com

We recommend you bring your dog's regular food and something that smells of home (an old towel, t-shirt, etc). We have plenty of bedding, safe toys and treats on hand.

We can start this program any day of the week. If you choose the 'weekend furlough' option, we would like your dog to arrive on a Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning if possible. Our regular kennel **business hours are 9-1 and 4-6 (no morning hours on Sunday)**, but in addition to our kennel staff, there are 3 of us who live here on the premises, so whatever time of day works best for you might also work fine for us. Please let us know ahead of time if you need to arrive outside of regular business hours.

If you have any questions, or want to hear about our other services, please feel free to ask.

We think this is the best training program available anywhere, and literally thousands of happy families and dogs agree.

We're looking forward to working with you and your dog!

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