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Pets Are Inn® Guidelines and Policies

- Lodging and transportation rates are subject to change without notice.
- A deposit is required during peak season, for new clients and for existing clients with a new pet.
- Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. It is to your advantage to book early.
- Pets (both cats and dogs) must be on a topical flea preventative to be administered prior to lodging (Required during flea season; check the office when making your reservation.)
- Changes in reservations with less than three (3) business days notice will be assessed a \$10 administrative charge. This includes time restrictions. Changes and/or new reservations with less than 24-hour notice will be assessed a \$25 charge.
- Medication instructions must be in writing and meds are to be clearly identified. Instructions for the easiest method of administering are greatly appreciated.

Games Cats Play

Buying complicated, expensive toys and games for your feline darling can be like buying the latest toy for your child and they are more interested in playing with the box instead. Games do not have to be fancy to be fun, but they should be stimulating and easy to learn. The following are some wonderful games to play with your cat:

- Ball game: catch and chase rubber balls, Ping-Pong balls, rolling toys
- Soccer; Nerf ball kicking
- Batting game: toys swinging from doorknob
- Soap bubble chase
- Light beam chase: reflect light from objects using a mirror
- Birdie: paper plane chase
- Go fish: Toy swung from a pole
- Stuffed toy: catnip enhanced
- Rubber Ducky: for cats that like to swim in the bathtub.
- Hide-and-seek: blanket or towel tent, paper bag, open boxes



Top 13 Dog Myths

1. Dogs age seven years for every human year.
2. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
3. A wagging tail means a happy dog.
4. Dog breath comes with the territory.
5. Dogs are colorblind.
6. Dogs are smarter than cats.
7. Dogs eat grass because they are sick.
8. Some breeds are hypoallergenic.
9. A female dog should go through at least one heat cycle.
10. All dogs naturally eat bones.
11. A cold, wet nose indicates good health.
12. Shaving a dog helps him stay cool.
13. Dogs feel guilty when they do something wrong.

Dog Myths

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Max's Helpful Hint

Mom is always mad that I steal food from the garbage. She started breaking me of this habit my making me sit and stay before she gave me my bowl of food. (That taught me

patience!) She also started covering the garbage with a lid and then she sprayed the can with a bitter-tasting spray, making it unpleasant for me.

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The Truth About Dog Myths

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1. False. It may start at 7 years as youngsters, but then shortens over the dog's lifetime. Large breeds age quicker.
2. This has some basis in truth. Old dogs are viewed in the same way as elderly people. In reality it is not that old dogs can't learn; it's more that old habits and routines are hard to break.
3. False. Many times a wagging tail means a happy dog. Sometimes it wags if they are unsure of the situation; this usually is if the tail is straight up or stiff. Tail position is a better indication of the dog's feelings.
4. Some odor may be normal depending upon the foods they eat, however an abnormal odor may indicate a problem, which could include gum disease, gastrointestinal or respiratory disease, or many other problems. It is best to consult with your vet and then start a tooth-brushing regimen.
5. True. Dogs are red-green colorblind and can not distinguish colors like a human. They see graded shades of color primarily in the blues, yellows and grays.
6. This is like comparing apples to oranges. Each species' intelligence is very well suited to its own world.
7. Dogs (and cats) often eat grass if they have low-grade indigestion or gastritis. Eating grass many times causes them to vomit; some dogs eat grass as a habit, perhaps to get attention or be given another type of food (treat).
8. False. Most human allergies to dogs are due to the protein in the dander, which is composed of dry skin cells, scales and flakes the pet is continuously shedding. Some breeds appear to be less allergenic. These include Maltese, Bedlington Terriers, Schnauzers, Bishon, Poodles, Portuguese Water, Wheaton, Irish Water Spaniels, Italian Greyhounds, Kerry Blue Terrier.
9. False. A study that was published in *The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* concluded that altering of both male and female dogs can occur before the traditional six to eight months of age, but delaying female spaying until after 12 weeks of age.
10. False. Domesticated dogs generally do not require the added minerals found in bones if they are consuming a good quality dog food.
11. A moist nose is a normal state. A dry, hot nose often signals illness or fever.
12. False. Dogs sweat from their footpads and via the respiratory tract; shaving will not help them much and may hinder their ability to stay cool. The coat protects from thermal injury and provides protection from the sunrays.
13. False. They are usually responding to the anger of the owner due to the behavior. Dogs cannot rationalize between the gap of their behavior and the owner's reaction, usually anger.

Source: *Dog Fancy* March, 2005

Flea season

Yes, it is the season. All pets must be treated with a topical flea preventative just prior to lodging. Consult your veterinarian as to which product is best for you and your pet. If your pet comes with fleas we will have it treated and you will be charged.

Did you know?



The original Lassie series ended a remarkable 19-year run on television in 1974.

Stop the itch

When your pet is itching, you want to take care of it immediately. You may want to consider using the itch-relieving power of hydrocortisone. Both veterinarians and human doctors have used it for years for itch control. Hydrocortisone helps in fighting inflammation and the itch that goes along with it. Ask your vet or check with your local pet supply store.

Gas prices

Due to the increase in gasoline prices there may be a gasoline surcharge added to your invoice.

Don't forget ears

Summertime and warm weather increase the chances of ear infections. You can help reduce occurrences by cleaning your pet's ears twice a week with a solution of half water and half white vinegar. Put this solution on a cotton ball and clean the ears. It may not eliminate an ear infection, but it will reduce the chances.

