

DOG N' SUDS

NEWSLETTER

GRRRAGE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

Help support Nanaimo Search & Rescue and Nanaimo SPCA by donating new or lightly used items!

What are we looking for? Collars, leashes, beds and blankets, jackets and other pet clothing, crates, kennels, x-pens, grooming supplies, toys, food dishes, and other pet merchandise, as well as tools and small household appliances (must work and be in fairly good condition).

Please note we will NOT accept: glass or breakables, cutlery, human clothing or anything needing repair.

Where to bring your donations? You can drop them off at Dog n' Suds Pet Services Ltd. during regular business hours at 2209 Wilgress Road or 1680 Northfield Road.

This event is hosted by:

Dog n' Suds Pet Services Ltd.

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Gloria's Pet Care

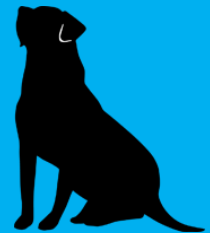
Grrrage Sale for Charity is Saturday, June 23rd

Save the Date!



"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."

—Roger Caras



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Upcoming Closure Dates

March 30th—Good Friday

May 21st—Victoria Day

July 2nd—Canada Day

UPCOMING EVENT

2nd Annual Hops & Hounds

WHEN: Sunday, March 18th

TIME: 12 pm—3 pm

WHERE: Maffeo Sutton Park

Enjoy local craft brews, bring your dog and join us for the largest group photo of dogs and owners!

RAW FOOD SEMINAR

Upcoming seminar by Debbie Wood

How to Feed Raw Food — Level 2

*Must be already feeding raw. Ask us for more info and how to sign up.

WHEN: Sunday, April 15th

TIME: 11 am—1 pm

WHERE: 2209 Wilgress Road

BRAINY GAMES FOR FIDO

Mental exercise is just as important as physical exercise for your dog.

Interactive toys and puzzle feeders are an excellent way to provide mental stimulation, which can help prevent bad behaviours, relieve anxiety or depression, slow down fast eaters, and provide engagement for low mobility pets.

Dogs of the Month



KEYCO

Sheltie

Keyco has been coming to our grooming salon since the days of the little blue house, coming in for a regular de-shedding treatment and tidy up with her favourite groomer Jeannine.

Our groomers can provide your dog with specific services to meet their individual needs, including specialty shampoos, de-shedding treatments, painted nails or can even dye their hair! Talk with your groomer for more information.

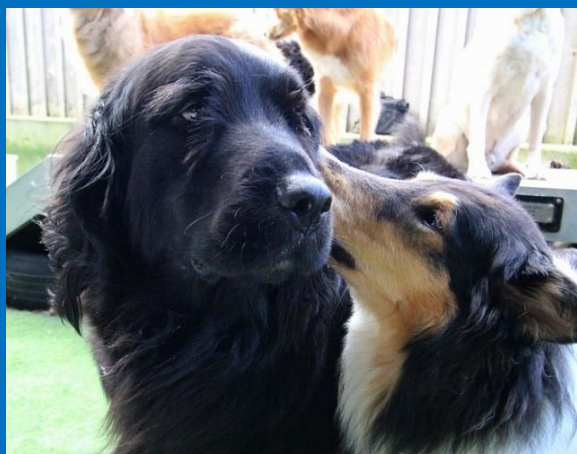


EMILY

Havanese X

This little girl has been coming to our small dog daycare since she was a puppy with her big sister Poppy. She has many friends including Tessa Miniature Poodle, Quito, Tucker Havanese, Maggie Shih Tzu and Rocky Shih Tzu.

Emily enjoys playing in the tunnel, basking in the sun, getting brushed and snuggled by the staff and of course zooming around the daycare and wrestling with all of her friends.



MOLLY and CHRISTIE

Best Friends

Molly (left) and Christie (right) are two best friends who met at doggy daycare. These pretty ladies both have many other friends but truly enjoy each others company most of all.

A few of their favourite activities include toy time, racing around the daycare, wrestling, napping on the play fort or ramps, splashing in the pools in the summer (or for Christie, playing in the hose/sprinkler), and sometimes even take the doggy shuttle together.

8 RULES FOR STAYING IN HOTELS WITH YOUR DOG

For full article visit <http://www.vetstreet.com/our-pet-experts/8-rules-for-staying-in-hotels-with-your-dog>

Before You Go

Plan ahead. Before you leave home, check that your dog's identification tags are securely fastened to his collar and that the information on them is correct, just in case you and your pet get separated.

Make a reservation—for the dog. Don't wait until check-in to let the hotel know that you have a dog—confirm the pet policy before you reserve your room. Pet policies vary greatly from hotel to hotel, and even hotels that allow dogs may have size limits or restrict the number of dogs you can have in your room; they may also have a list of unwelcome breeds. Some hotels include pets in the regular room rate, while others charge separately for them. This could be a daily fee or a flat fee that covers your entire stay.

Choose the right room. Request a room on the ground floor. It's your best bet for several reasons. You will, no doubt, have lots of gear to tote, so avoiding stairs means less schlepping—and a shorter trip to the door when it's potty time. And unless your dog is used to an elevator, that up and down ride can be a cause of stress.

In addition, a dog who drops his toys on the floor, jumps from bed to bed or likes to wrestle with his buddy will be less likely to disturb the neighbours if you are on the ground floor. It's also a good idea to ask for a room away from the elevator, particularly if your dog barks at noises. And if you feed your pet anything that can spoil, request a room with a fridge so you can keep your dog's food close and fresh.

When You Arrive

Check in and check things out. When you get to the room, before you allow your dog to run around, examine the room carefully to make sure there is nothing that can hurt your dog. Also make sure the previous guests or housekeeping didn't leave anything behind, such as stray pills.

Create a comfortable space. Many hotels require that you crate your dog if you go out and leave him behind, but even if yours doesn't, it's a good policy. A crate keeps your dog from getting into trouble in the hotel room, and if someone should open the door, even by accident, there won't be an opportunity for him to dash out of the room. If your dog isn't used to a crate, play some fun games at home before your trip with the crate you will be using, and practice leaving your dog in the crate for short periods of time in the security of his own home.

Hanging the "Do Not Disturb" tag on the door is added insurance that no one will knock or open the door to your room and startle or upset your dog. You can also make your dog feel more at home by turning the television on when you leave. If your dog is used to hanging with you when you watch TV at home, the sound may be a comfort. It can also help mask voices and other sounds from neighboring rooms.

Chew this, not that. Chew toys, stuffed Kongs and the like make great distractions for dogs staying in hotel rooms. Make sure you are not leaving your dog with something he can rip apart and choke on, such as a rawhide or breakable treat. Familiar toys can also be like bringing a bit of home into the hotel. But be sure to keep items that you do not want your dog to chew out of his reach. Extra dog food and treats, kits full of toiletries and medications, trash cans and human travel snacks can be tempting to your pup. Stow them safely out of reach. High luggage racks, shelves in closets and even the bathroom (with the door closed) make good storage options.

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Did You Know . . . ?

Dog nose prints are as unique as human finger prints and can be used to identify them.

The average dog can run about 19mph. Greyhounds are the fastest dogs on Earth and can run at speeds of 45mph.

Dogs are about as smart as a 2 or 3 year old child. This means they can understand about 150-200 words, including signals and hand movements with the same meaning as words.

A brilliant Border Collie named Chaser can recognize over 1,000 words!

A group of pugs is called a "grumble."

A person standing still 300 yards away is almost invisible to a dog. But a dog can identify its owner standing a mile away if the owner is waving his arms.

The best dog to reportedly attract a date is the Golden Retriever.

A dog can locate the source of a sound in 1/600 of a second and can hear sounds four times farther away than a human can.

Eighteen muscles or more can move a dog's ear.

The longest lived dog, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, was an Australian Cattle Dog named Bluey who lived to be 29.

On average, a dog's mouth exerts 320 lbs of pressure.

Our Dog n' Suds Team

Owner

Daria

K-9 Oral Hygiene Specialist & GM

Heather

Reception

Bonnie

Pet Groomers

Maria

Jeannine

Bryan

Kirsten

Michelle

Daycare Supervisors

Justine

Carrie

Summer

Dari

Brianna

Stephanie

Nikki

Julie

Carmen

Taia

Robyn

Andria

Pet Friendly

Pet Fresh

Pet Fun

Be Courteous—and Cautious

Mind your mess. Muddy paws and shedding coat are not so cool in a hotel. Take a sheet or blanket from home to toss on the bed and help keep the spread clean—and do the same for any upholstered furniture your dog might climb on. And don't forget to keep the outside neat as well: You will, no doubt, be taking your dog out to potty on hotel grounds. Make sure you have plenty of bags for picking up poop, and find an appropriate receptacle (outdoors, please!) in which to deposit them.

Play it safe. Even if you're just grabbing a cup of coffee in the lobby or going to the hotel bar for one beer, it's smart to leave your phone number with the front desk in case your dog gets upset and noisy. Crying, barking and howling are not only annoying to other hotel guests, they can be a sign that your dog is stressed.

Because your dog may be anxious or overstimulated, pay careful attention to safety precautions. Fasten the leash to your dog's collar before you open the room door to prevent him from making a run for the lobby—or parking lot. Reliable routines can break down on the road, and even a polite dog who knows to wait before exiting an open door can dash when in an unfamiliar and possibly stressful place.

Need to find the perfect hotel for you and your dog?

Visit www.petfriendly.ca/ OR <https://www.bringfido.com/> for a list of Fido friendly accommodations.

Safe and happy travels!

FOLLOW US on Instagram & LIKE US on Facebook!

We do our best to post photos throughout the week of your dogs having fun in our daycare, so check them out and LIKE our pages to follow the packs adventures.

Instagram: @dognsudsltd

Facebook: facebook.com/DogNSudsPetServicesLtd



PET GROOMING

By Appointment

Open 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday
All Services Closed Sundays and Holidays

U-WASH & NAIL TRIMMING

Open 9 am to 5:30 pm Monday to Friday
Open 9 am to 5 pm Saturday

last U-Wash 1/2 hour before close

"BIG DOG" DAYCARE

Open 7 am to 7 pm Monday to Friday
Open 9 am to 5 pm Saturday
Interview Required for All New Dogs

"SMALL DOG" DAYCARE

Open 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday
Early/Late Hours & Saturdays available at
Main Location

TEETH CLEANING

By Appointment Only

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