



PREPARING FOR YOUR DOG WALKER

In anticipation of the beginning of your dog walking service, we've put together a handy checklist to help you prepare for your Golden Days Pet Care Professional.

- 🐾 Please be sure that we have the correct entry information, i.e. lockbox code and location, garage code, and/or hide-a-key information. Please check the key to insure that it works properly. We also suggest that you give a back-up key to a neighbor or friend that lives close by in case of an emergency.
- 🐾 Please be sure that we have your most up-to-date security system information and very clear instructions on how your system is armed and disarmed. In the event that your dog walker accidentally trips your alarm, please be sure that we have the correct password to give to your security company when they call.
- 🐾 Please be sure that we have all the correct contact information for both you and your emergency contacts.
- 🐾 Please be sure that we have all of the correct pet care and house care information and instructions. Whenever you need to make changes to the pet and house care instructions please email info@goldendayspets.com with those changes. Things to include if applicable are:
 - 🐾 Feeding routine i.e. type of food, quantity, etc.
 - 🐾 Walking routine
 - 🐾 Location of leashes
 - 🐾 Location of pet waste bags
 - 🐾 Location of cleaning supplies
 - 🐾 Location of treats
 - 🐾 If you want your dogs collars removed or to stay on
 - 🐾 Where you dog should be placed after the walk
- 🐾 Please be sure to secure all doors that you want to remain closed. You'll also want to make note of these in your update.
- 🐾 Please put anything that your pet can get into out of harms way. This may include wastepaper baskets, clothes hampers, remote controls etc.
- 🐾 Please be sure we have updated vet information. In the case of an emergency we will transport your pet to your vet or the nearest emergency clinic.
- 🐾 Please be sure to leave detailed instructions if your pet needs medication administered.
- 🐾 Please let us know if you would like your dog walker to leave a radio playing softly or if they should leave the TV on when they leave the home. Some pets find this soothing in their owner's absence.



VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Vaccine protection against highly contagious and potentially deadly viruses and bacteria reduces the likelihood of dogs becoming ill. All dogs who are serviced by Golden Days are required to be current on their vaccines. Golden Days Pet Services requires pet parent's to provide proof that their pets are up-to-date on the following vaccinations:

RABIES

Rabies is required once on or before 16 weeks of age in puppies, boosted again one year later (1 year, 4 mos. of age) and then every three years going forward. Dogs are required by law to be vaccinated against the rabies virus because this deadly virus can spread to humans.

If an unvaccinated dog breaks the skin of a person or another dog, local law requires that the dog be quarantined for a minimum of 10 days (up to as long as 6 months.) Golden Days Pet Services allows your pup to come play once he/she is both 12 weeks old AND fully vaccinated.

DHLPP

DHLPP is required as a puppy beginning at 6-8 weeks old, boosted twice at 3-week intervals and again a year later. Like rabies, after the first year, the distemper/parvo combination vaccine can be given every three years. Leptospirosis (the "L" in some Distemper combination vaccines) should be included in the annual combination vaccine due to recent increases in Leptospirosis cases. Leptospirosis needs to be boosted annually. This is important because Leptospirosis can be deadly to dogs and is transferable to humans!

BORDETELLA

Bordetella is required to be current. Golden Days Pet Services requires that Bordetella be administered annually however many veterinarians suggest the Bordetella vaccine be given every 6 months to maintain a high level of immunity for dogs who are often in social settings. The Bordetella vaccine helps control and prevent the spread of germs that cause canine cough more commonly known as kennel cough. It is important to remember however, like with the human flu vaccination, that a dog can still contract kennel cough even when vaccinated with Bordetella. If a dog that has been vaccinated with the Bordetella vaccine still acquires canine cough, they typically have a less severe form that resolves faster than a dog who is not vaccinated. The germs that cause canine cough are very similar to the common cold in humans with mild coughing and a runny nose. In most cases,, symptoms usually resolve within a week.

K-9 INFLUENZA VACCINE

The influenza vaccine is not required, but highly recommended if available in your area.

In order to allow time for your dog to develop an immune response from vaccines, please make veterinary appointments 7-10 days prior to your reservation. Check with your veterinarian to see if your dog's vaccine boosters (not the initial vaccine) may provide adequate immune response sooner than 7 days.

Happy tails,

Michael O'Neil
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Golden Days Pet Services