



Daycare Agreement

This is an agreement between The Lodge at New Tampa and the pet owner whose signature appears below (hereinafter called "Owner").

This agreement shall be valid from the date signed for _____ Pet [Name].

Owner understands that the concept of dog daycare is to allow dogs to interact with other dogs and participate in supervised water activities. Dogs may swim, splash, and frolic in the water during which time water may enter the ear canal and may possibly cause an ear infection.

Most dogs react by shaking their heads to remove any water from the ear canal. However, small amounts of pool water may remain in the canal which may cause or exasperate an already existing ear infection. Unfortunately we cannot predict which dogs may be more prone to an infection but we do realize the sporting-type dogs, Golden Retrievers, Labs, or those dogs with floppy-type ears are more prone to ear infections.

As a result of ear irritation, dogs will sometimes scratch at their ears. During the scratching process, without them realizing it, they will cause minor skin irritation below the ear or around the neck area. The more dogs scratch, the more irritated the skin around the ear or neck becomes resulting in what is commonly called a "Hot Spot." Ear infections and the resulting hot spot, are beyond our control and are a result of the self-inflicted scratching. The Lodge at New Tampa does not give a hot spot to your dog. Hot spots and/or infections usually necessitate veterinary care and may get larger if not treated.

Another thing to watch out for is paw burns or abrasions from contact with hot cement or other surfaces. Dogs with sensitive feet, a wild play style, particularly sensitive skin, or those who are not accustomed to water play can develop cracks or blisters on their pads. Even a tiny crack or blister can cause a dog to limp or lick their paws.

By signing this agreement, you have been made aware that hot spots and/or sore paw pads can be a common occurrence during the hot humid months of summer or any time of the year. Although The Lodge at New Tampa will take normal precautions, such as blow drying dogs prior to going back to their rooms, an ear infection, hot spot, or a paw pad abrasions may result from daily exposure to the daycare environment. If your dog is prone to ear infections or has sensitive paw pads, reducing the number of days your dog participates in daycare or providing ear wash is a good way to reduce a chance of an ear infection and accompanying hot spot or sore paw pad.

Owner agrees to hold The Lodge at New Tampa harmless for such conditions and agrees that the Owner will accept all responsibility for the veterinary costs associated with the treatment of an ear infection, paw pad abrasion, and/or accompanying hot spot.

I certify that I have read and understand this agreement The Lodge at New Tampa has set forth and I agree to abide by the policies and accept all terms of this agreement.

The Lodge at New Tampa

Owner/Representative

By _____

By _____

Date _____

Date _____