



VIP Boarding Kennel

... the best of care for your very important pets

The Kennel Connection

VIP Staff is Certified in Pet First Aid

Your dog's safety and well-being are our primary concern. To ensure we provide the best possible care, VIP's staff took a Pet First Aid course on November 13. Taught by the American Red Cross, the 4-hour certification course included basic first aid, K-9 CPR, and the K-9 version of the Heimlich Manuever.

Canine models allowed for hands-on practice of vital sign monitoring, rescue breathing, and bandaging techniques.

For some of our staff, this course provided an interesting twist on the training they've received as volunteer fire fighters and EMTs in Loudoun County!



Pictured Left: Kennel Supervisor Becky Peach learns CPR on a large dog.

All my friends are at Doggie Daycare!



VIP Winter Daycare Special

Has the cold weather put a damper on Lady's regular exercise routine? Does Rover have the winter blues? And maybe a few extra pounds after the holidays?

VIP Boarding Kennel offers a unique daycare program with room for your dog to run and play in our 7,000 square foot indoor playground.

We offer a variety of affordable daycare packages. Many include transportation to our facility. They all include active fun and games with other social dogs in a supervised indoor environment.

Here's our treat for you! Every new daycare customer during the first three months of 2006 will receive a complimentary bath and nail trim!

Make your reservations today for Spring Break. Space is limited! (540) 882-9909



VIP Boarding Kennel
January 2006

— Call now to inquire about our affordable daycare packages —

Separation Anxiety

Dogs are social pack animals — they prefer being with others. Usually dogs learn to be alone for periods of time without a problem, but for some, being alone is very stressful. Separation anxiety in dogs is much like a panic attack in a person.

Signs of separation anxiety include urinating or defecating in the house, scratching, biting, digging at doors (sometimes breaking nails or teeth), barking and other vocalizations whenever the dog is left alone.

Separation anxiety is often triggered by a major change in a dog's normal routine or by a traumatic event.

Sometimes owners unintentionally train dogs to behave this way because whenever they exhibit signs of anxiety, they quickly come back to reassure them, give them attention or even a bone or biscuit. If you do this, your dog may learn that these behaviors will result in extra attention and treats.

Things That Might Help

There are a few things you can try to alleviate separation anxiety:

- Keep your arrivals and departures uneventful and low key.
- Give your dog things to do while you're gone. Provide her with lots of toys such as a kong or havaball stuffed with treats or a digging pit in the yard. Often a companion pet can help alleviate the boredom.



With a little help from my friends...

- Give your dog a mental or verbal cue that you are leaving.
- Practice leaving and returning several times a day until he gets used to your departures and realizes that you are not abandoning him forever. Gradually leave for longer and longer periods of time, but start out by leaving for just 5 minutes and returning again.
- Set aside scheduled time periods to give your dog undivided attention, play and exercise. A happy, well-exercised dog will usually sleep contentedly during the day while you are gone. Be sure that one of the scheduled play sessions occurs before you must leave for the day. Give your dog a chance to settle down before you leave and don't make a big deal of your departure - just leave without any emotion or commotion.

During Your Visit to the Kennel

When you bring your dog in for boarding, it's very important that you let us know if your dog experiences separation anxiety. A kennel environment can exacerbate this reaction. The more we know about your dog, the better care we can provide for him!

Be sure to ask us about the benefits of our play-time package — a well-exercised, social dog is generally a happy dog.

VIP Boarding Kennel
39710 Rocky Lane
Lovettsville, VA 20180
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No pick up or drop off on New Years Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.



New Rates
Effective January 15, 2006
Please see our website for details
www.VIPBoarding.com

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday

8:00am-1:00pm

3:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday

9:00am-1:00pm

3:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am-12:00noon

*Checkout time is 12 noon, Checkouts after 12 will be charged an additional day

December's Most Improved Dogs "Helen & Shono"

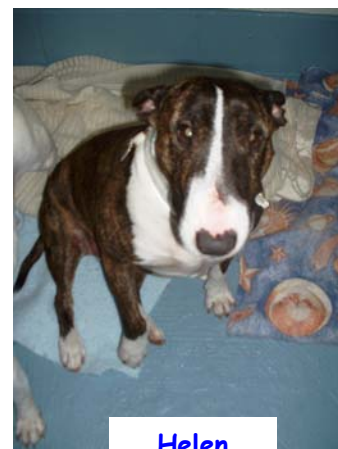
When Helen and Shono came to us in May for their first visit to VIP Kennel, they were very fearful and cage aggressive. Their owner told us that Shono, a rescue dog, was possibly abused in her previous home. During their first stay, they were reluctant to participate in playtime and kept to themselves at the far end of the playground.

Helen and Shono came back to board in November and the difference in them was remarkable. The girls slowly began to interact with other dogs and our staff and began to blend into the kennel routine.

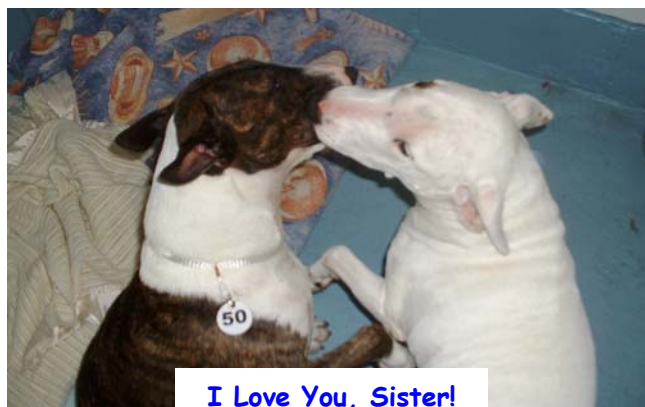
They boarded again in December and we noticed right away that Shono was no longer cage aggressive at all. Both Helen and Shono were much more social and now wanted the attention they had feared in May.



Shono



Helen



I Love You, Sister!

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Kevin & Aleu
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OK, What's Next?



Daniel in the
Lion's Den



Wolfen Chillin'



A Big Smooch for Amy!