DOGGY DAY OUT

VOLUNTEER SAFETY & ADVENTURE GUIDE

1. KEEP EVERYONE SAFE	2. HAVE FUN	3. MAKE THEM VISIBLE
Protect yourself, the dog & the public.	**Give the dog a positive break from boarding.**	**Take lots of photos & videos!**

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER

These are rescue dogs. Every Comeback Pack dog selected for Doggy Day Out is a dog we believe is friendly and appropriate for the program. But we may not know the dog's complete history, past experiences, or every situation that could frighten or overwhelm them.

Even a very sweet dog may behave differently when stressed, frightened, uncomfortable or overstimulated. **Exercise extreme caution and good judgment. Your job is not to test the dog - your job is to give them a safe, positive experience.**

LET THE DOG SET THE PACE

Watch the dog's body language throughout the outing. If the dog seems relaxed and eager to explore, enjoy an adventure together. If the dog seems nervous, shut down, hypervigilant, excessively panting, trying to hide or escape, or otherwise overwhelmed, **make the day smaller.**

A quiet sniffing walk, a car ride, or simply sitting on the couch together can be incredibly valuable. **There is no requirement to take the dog anywhere exciting.**

CHILDREN: EXTRA CAUTION

Even if we believe a dog is good with kids, use extreme caution with children. Do not allow unfamiliar children to crowd, hug, climb on, grab, or put their faces near the dog. Avoid places with groups of children running, yelling or playing. If the dog shows discomfort, immediately create distance.

NON-NEGOTIABLE SAFETY RULES

• **Properly fitted martingale collar stays on.**

• **Keep the leash on the dog AT ALL TIMES.** This applies even inside a home, fenced yard, or other controlled environment.

• **No retractable leashes. No off-leash activity.**

• You must be able to maintain control of the dog at all times.

• Do not allow another person to take possession of or handle the dog.

• Secure the leash **before** opening vehicle doors.

• Never leave the dog unattended in a vehicle.

• **No beaches, crowded events, playgrounds or heavily trafficked places.**

• **No dog parks.** Avoid intentional introductions to unfamiliar dogs unless specifically approved.

• If another dog approaches and your dog is uncomfortable, create distance and leave.

IF THE DOG GETS LOOSE

Notify The Comeback Pack immediately. Do not simply chase a frightened dog; chasing may cause the dog to run farther. Contact us right away so we can coordinate a safe recovery plan.

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A safe break from boarding can be part of a dog's comeback.

GREAT DOGGY DAY OUT IDEAS

- A quiet neighborhood or park walk
- A Starbucks drive-thru for a pup cup
- A quiet park where they can sniff and explore
- A calm dog-friendly patio or establishment during non-busy hours
- A relaxing car ride
- Hanging out at home
- Snuggling on the couch and watching a movie
- A really good nap away from boarding

Quality beats quantity. One calm, happy experience is better than five exciting experiences that leave the dog overwhelmed.

PUBLIC EXPOSURE

If you're taking the dog somewhere appropriate for public exposure, please use the **ADOPT ME vest** we provide.

YOUR SECRET MISSION: MAKE THEM FAMOUS

One of the most valuable things you can give a rescue dog is **visibility.** Please take lots of photos and short videos - walking, riding in the car, playing, snuggling, snoozing, being silly, enjoying a pup cup, or doing absolutely nothing on your couch.

Tell us what you learn, too. Did they love the car? Know 'sit'? Wait politely for a treat? Turn into a champion couch potato? Those little observations help us write better bios and find the right family.

KEEP US IN THE LOOP

Before the outing, tell us your general plan and approximately when you expect to return. If your plans change significantly, send us an update. Return the dog to the designated boarding location at the agreed time unless other arrangements are approved.

OVERNIGHT VISITS

For an approved overnight, give your guest time to decompress. Keep doors, gates and windows secure. **The leash must remain on the dog at all times, including inside the home and in a fenced yard.** Be particularly careful entering and leaving the home. If you have resident pets, introductions must be **slow, controlled and supervised.** Never leave the Doggy Day Out dog unsupervised with another animal. If you're unsure about an interaction, separate the animals and contact us.

THIS ISN'T A TEMPERAMENT TEST

It isn't about testing limits, training through challenges, or packing as much excitement as possible into a few hours. It's about giving a rescue dog a **safe, happy break from boarding** and helping us learn more about who they are outside of a kennel.

Sometimes that's an adventure. Sometimes that's a pup cup. Sometimes it's a couch, a movie, and three hours of belly rubs. All three count.

BEFORE YOU PARTICIPATE

All Doggy Day Out volunteers must be approved by The Comeback Pack and sign the required **Liability Waiver and Indemnification Agreement** before taking possession of a dog. Activities permitted for a particular dog are always subject to The Comeback Pack's instructions.

KEEP THEM SAFE. HAVE FUN. TAKE LOTS OF PHOTOS & VIDEOS.