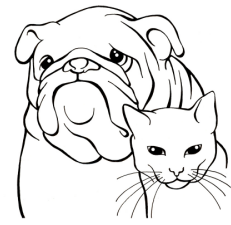


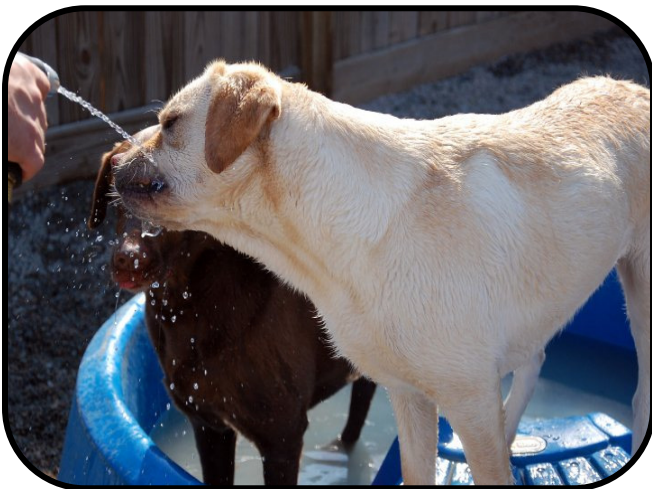
# Kildaire Animal Medical Center Doggie Daycare Newsletter- April



## What's New at Doggie Daycare

As we prepare for the warmer months ahead, we thought it would be a good idea to bring you up to date on how our Doggie Daycare participants are doing and what we have coming up.

While the dogs may be looking forward to a warm spring, they certainly didn't seem to notice the ridiculously cold and wet winter we just endured. They just continued to romp and play with each other, chew on toys, play tug of war, and dig at the ice (and eat it too) - all big fun! As I stood freezing one snowy Thursday I had to laugh at one particularly optimistic dog, Cooper, who was covered in snow. He sat stoically at the edge of the wading pool as though he were waiting for the sun to appear and the pool to open for business. The dogs can certainly have their days when they seem to be into everything. Nonetheless they are always amusing, and continue to amaze me with some of their athletic antics.



## Keeping It Cool

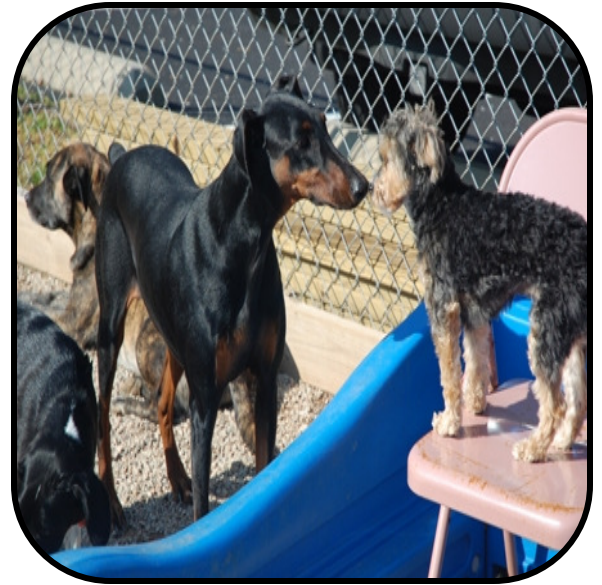
The participants do slow down a good deal during the summer months when temperatures move above 90°F. With that in mind we are currently at work on our new DDC shelter which will offer additional shade, and a place to mount a fan for those requiring a bit of a cool down. Of course there is always plenty of water available as well. This new shelter will give us over 144 square feet of additional shaded area, and should most certainly meet with the gang's approval. It also gives shelter from the rain for those who actually notice such things.

We always keep an eye on dogs for overheating, shivering, or other signs of discomfort due to weather or extreme exercise. Luckily we have wonderful doctors and technicians on staff at KAMC who can immediately assist our DDC crew. We want the dogs to have fun, but we also want them to return home safe and sound.

## 🐾 Seeing Results 🐾

If you have been bringing your dog to DDC for any length of time, you may have noticed some of the benefits. A dog that is well exercised and socialized during the day, will be less energetic and give you an easier evening after a hard day's work. What really stands out to me though are dogs like Maggie, a rescued Doberman who just came to us for the first time a few weeks ago. Maggie had been abused, and while a beautiful girl, she is painfully shy, especially around men. Her new owner is working hard to change Maggie's life, and feels that DDC is a great way for her to work off some energy and become a more sociable girl.

At this time, while still not totally relaxed in a room full of people, Maggie is full tilt running with the other dogs, and has even begun coming by the DDC leader from time to time for a little petting and human contact. Since coming to DDC, Maggie's behavior has improved greatly. It is safe to say that Maggie is definitely benefiting from her days at Kildaire, and we look forward to her continued improvement. Please feel free to discuss any questions you might have regarding the benefits of DDC with any of our team members.



## 🐾 Coming in May 🐾

- Training tips from accomplished dog trainer, Patricia McConnell
- Pictures and updates on our new Doggie Daycare shelter
- And much more!

**Thanks for your time, and your trust in our services. It is our goal to send you home each afternoon with a dog who would love to be able to tell you what he/she did in school today. See you in the back yard!**

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