Farmhouse & Fields
Dog Daycare

GETTING STARTED AT THE FARMHOUSE:

A GUIDE FOR DOGS + THEIR PEOPLE



A good day at daycare starts here.

What Farmhouse & Fields feels like, what to expect, and how to help your dog settle into their first few days.

DAYCARE AT THE FARMHOUSE

A small group with familiar faces.

Most of the dogs here are regulars, so the group stays small, familiar, and easy to get to know. Over time, Melissa learns each dog's routine, who they're comfortable with, when they're ready to play, and when they'd rather take a little space. It's less about keeping dogs busy every second and more about giving them a day that feels good from start to finish.



Your pup's home away from home.

Morning

Arrivals, outside time, a little sniff around, and catching up with familiar friends. Dogs can ease into the day at their own pace.

Midday

Lunch for dogs who bring it, a quieter stretch, and a mix of play, rest, and time outside before the afternoon picks up again.

Afternoon

More outside time, play, and a relaxed wind-down before pickup, with plenty of time to check in with friends along the way.

Dogs are supervised throughout the daycare day, both inside and outside.



BEFORE THEIR FIRST DAY

A good first day starts before they arrive.

Every dog is different, so getting started begins with a little context. Melissa will get to know your dog, arrange a visit if it sounds like a good fit, and help you figure out what their first day should look like.

1

A little about your dog

Tell Melissa about their personality, daily routine, experience with other dogs, and anything else that helps paint a picture of who they are. The more she knows about what they enjoy, what makes them unsure, and how they tend to move through new situations, the easier it is to plan a good introduction.

2

Come see the Farmhouse

If daycare sounds like it could be a good fit, Melissa can arrange a visit outside regular daycare hours. That gives you and your dog a chance to see the space without the full daycare group there, ask questions, and get a feel for what a day at the Farmhouse is actually like.

3

Getting set up

Once there's a suitable opening, Melissa will send a Time To Pet invitation so you can complete the onboarding details and arrange their first visit. Some dogs begin with a half day, while others are ready for a full day. The starting point can be shaped around the dog in front of her.

GOOD TO KNOW

Bring anything Melissa has asked for, label anything that comes with your dog, and send lunch if they'll need it during the day. Vaccinations need to be current before starting, and any important routine, behaviour, or comfort notes should be shared ahead of time.

Their first day doesn't need to be a big deal.

A normal morning, an easy drop-off, and Melissa takes it from there.

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ONCE THEY'RE SETTLED IN

Soon enough, they know the routine.

One of the nicest things about a smaller daycare is how quickly it starts to feel familiar. Before long, they know the prime nap spots. They know where to look for a favourite toy, which door means outside, and who is ready to run the second their feet hit the grass. They know which dogs they like to stick close to, who prefers a little more space, and when the day is starting to wind down.

Melissa gets to know those things too. The little habits, the friendships, the routines, the signals that mean "let's go" and the ones that mean "I'm done for a bit." That's what being one of the regulars really looks like.

Think your dog would like it here?

If Farmhouse & Fields sounds like the kind of place your dog would enjoy, reach out and get your name on the waitlist.

Regular clients can book around their schedules as space allows, with full days and half days available. Because the group stays intentionally small, availability can vary, but the goal is to keep the group familiar and the days manageable.

The Day, at a Glance

Full-day drop-off: 7:30–9:00
Full-day pickup: 4:00–5:00
Half days available.



Questions or ready to join the waitlist?

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