








Sending Your Dog for an Education – FAQs



Where are you located? Is housing available for me if I send my dog from out of state?

We are located in west central Wisconsin, approximately four miles south of Chetek, WI. We do have a room available on-site for owners that wish to come and stay for night, or several nights, when bringing their dog, or picking their dog up. For those who wish to make a mini vacation out of their time here, you may choose to rent a cabin from one of the many lakeside resorts. If staying in town is more your style, there are locally owned hotels within easy driving distance.

What are the benefits of leaving your dog with us?

-  Dogs come to stay with us for a variety of reasons. If you have any questions about whether or not your dog would benefit from staying with us, please feel free to contact us.
-  Some dogs require handling by qualified professionals to overcome aggression, obsessive behaviors, or any other extreme behaviors that are being exhibited. Sometimes the problem has gotten to a point where it is more appropriate to have a professional work with your dog in the initial stages for the safety of you and/or your dog.
-  Finding the time to offer consistency when laying the foundation in training can be difficult. Leaving your dog with us ensures that your dog will be provided with several training sessions throughout the day. Your dog will be exposed to several different environments, in addition to exposure and interactions with other dogs and different people.
-  For dogs entering the balance recovery program, your dog's rehabilitation program will involve a pack environment. Interaction with the pack is the basis of your dogs return to a balanced state.
-  Some dogs benefit from an intensive approach in our weight loss program. You may choose to leave your dog here so that several sessions can be accomplished throughout the day.
-  Physical and mental exercise often creates a content dog, therefore a neutral state of mind that enhances the opportunity for learning. This is what we do for a living--our days are dedicated to the dogs.
-  Maybe you are going out of town and need something more than a typical boarding kennel offers. We can exercise and interact with your dog while you are away.

Where will my dog stay?

Depending on your dog's needs and the training approach you choose, your dog will stay in a kennel or in the house. Regardless of where he spends his nights, your dog will not only go for bike rides and walks, but he/she will also use our swimming pool, treadmills, and fenced areas for supervised interaction with humans and other dogs.










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What kinds of issues can be addressed?

We have four dedicated professionals that offer different approaches to meet your training needs. This is a sampling of the most common reasons people seek professional help.

-  **House manners and guest etiquette** – “place bed”, “leave it”, waiting at the door
-  **Loose leash walking** – the ability to walk your dog calmly in any situation
-  **Obedience** – name recognition, sits, downs, heel, recalls, etc
-  **Aggression** – dog aggression, food aggression, human aggression
-  **Anxiety** – separation anxiety, anxiety in the car or in new situations
-  **Fear**- fear of other dogs, people, “the world”
-  **Social skills** – overcoming antisocial situations, helping your dog become social with humans and other animals in any environment.

How do I decide which program is right for my dog?

All breeds and temperaments are welcome. We understand your dog is part of your family and our goal is to help that relationship be mutually beneficial.

Jana and Waylon approach each dog and owner on an individual basis. Their training is based on a foundation influenced by an understanding of dog behavior and developing respect and confidence. They will evaluate your dog, consider your personal goals, and determine what approach would be most effective.

They do not believe in a technique-based program that sacrifices the unique needs of your dogs. Instead, they will adjust their approach based on the dog’s reactions and responses to training. They believe in using, and incorporating, the dog’s natural “drives” into their training program by considering what is motivating your dog’s behavior. For example, if you have a high drive dog, their goal is to allow that naturalness while gaining the ability to control/direct it. The customized program they choose for your dog may incorporate a combination of **marker training, obedience training, and behavior modification through establishing yourself as the pack leader.**

Will I get to be involved?

We strongly encourage you to be involved in your dog’s training or rehabilitation. In order to truly be successful, it is imperative that you have an understanding, and working knowledge, of what your dog learned.

What are the fees?

The costs will vary depending on your dog’s needs. The base rate can be estimated at \$15/day, with increases determined based on the intensity of the program you choose. The rates range from \$450 to \$900 per month.





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What do I need to bring?

We strongly recommend that you provide dog food. This is encouraged to avoid physical responses that could occur from a change in diet. You may also bring a blanket or toys that your dog is familiar with.

What is required before I bring my dog?

State law requires proof of rabies vaccination. In addition, we require your dog is current on his/her distemper series. We strongly recommend treating your dog with a flea/tick preventive. Your dog will be in areas where wood ticks are prevalent.

Can I visit my dog?

Yes, you are more than welcome to come visit your dog. We do ask that you schedule an appointment so we can ensure we are available to answer questions, give demonstrations, etc.

