

# **Creature Comforts LLC**

## **Application for Boarding/Day Care**

In an effort to determine if your dog will do well either at our daycare or boarding here, we need some background info – especially since we do not have a traditional kennel with individual runs. However, we do have crates and a couple of rooms to separate dogs that do not get along.

If you plan to board your dog, it would help us to know your dog's typical routine (food, exercise, "elimination," including times) and what commands he/she knows. If you want us to walk him/her, we need to know how they behave on a leash and what obedience experience they have had. In addition, we're looking for general behavior traits, including any phobias, aggression or bite history.

**Please answer ALL questions as honestly and completely as possible** (use back pages if necessary). **It helps no one, including your pet, to minimize character traits, history and habits that might pose a risk to Creature Comforts staff or family members, as well as other dogs or people we may encounter while out walking or in the car.**

### **Boarding Applicants**

**1. Describe daily routine** (e.g., let out in a.m., feed, let out in yard again and/or walk). Give typical times of day for feeding; type, time and duration of exercise. Does pet need to be walked to do #2 or is letting out in yard enough?

**2. Environment/Crate Training.** Does your pet have the run of the house all day or stay in a crate?                      How about at night?                      Is your dog used to being alone or with family throughout the day?                      Has the dog been diagnosed, now or in the past, with separation anxiety? If so, how severe is it?

**3. Dog-Human Behavior.** Is your dog sensitive to being touched in certain areas? If so, where?

How does your dog behave at the vet and groomer's; ever had to be muzzled?

Is your dog possessive with toys, chews, food? Can you remove its dish while it eats without provoking a growl?

**4. Dog-Dog Behavior:** Is your dog well socialized off-leash?

Do you take him/her to the dog park often or at all?

If so, does he/she play well,

i.e., without getting into fights or barking a lot?

If your dog has been

involved in dog fights, what were the circumstances; were there injuries; how was the fight resolved?

Does your dog react to other dogs (or anything else) while walking on a leash?

If so, how do you control him/her?

How does your dog act around toys/balls with other dogs around and/or when treats are being doled out in a dog group?

**5. Training/General Behavior:** Has your dog had any obedience training? describe the type of classes/instruction.

If so,

What commands does he/she know and respond to? Examples: sit, sit/stay; down, down/stay; leave it; drop it; heel, come (including long distance recall); place. Is there a “magic word” for pee/poop?

How does your dog behave in the car, both riding and stationary? For example, does it bark in parked car?

Does your dog have a history of anxious behavior that led to destruction of furniture, bedding, or anything other than toys?

What other boarding experience has your dog had, if any, and how successful was it?