



Glen Kowarsky started Dogs at Camp to cater to people who aren't comfortable leaving their dog in a kennel.

### A Premiere Facility!

Meeting other canines and playing in someone else's backyard are just some of the reasons why many dogs love spending the day away from home.

Dogs at Camp, which is in its third year of business, is a 100-acre resort for dogs located in Usbridge. Canines are never caged during their stay, but are instead offered access to two acres of fenced-off area, given free time, fed snacks and are allowed to nap whenever they choose. Leashed hikes are offered through 30 acres of forested trails, and a large pond is available for swimming.

Designed specifically for dog owners who feel uncomfortable leaving their pet in a kennel, owner Glen Kowarsky believes that certain dogs are used to a particular lifestyle.

"Your typical family dogs... are used to

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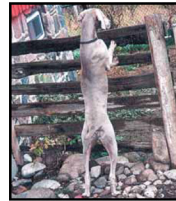
sleeping on couches and beds and sitting next to the table where you feed them scraps," says Kowarsky. "To take a dog like that who is used to a very cushy life...and put a dog like that in a kennel is traumatic. The results of putting a dog in a situation like that are obvious when you pick them up. They're really freaked out."

Although the prices can be higher for a daycare, Kowarsky says there are reasons why people will pay extra to put their pets in this type of environment.

"In our facility, dogs are spending their day playing ball or playing Frisbee and they go hiking and swimming—very much like a child going to camp," he says.

The Dogs at Camp staff are very experienced and trained individuals. Each one has a certificate in pet first aid, which Kowarsky believes is very important.

"When you are dealing with that many dogs, if something goes wrong—sometimes it is just playing and something goes wrong—the expertise of the staff and the first-aid training are one of the things that would stand out."



The day camp rate is \$25, with special packages for the week. There is a daily maximum for the number of dogs who may attend camp. For more information call (905) 862-0273, or visit [www.dogsatcamp.com](http://www.dogsatcamp.com).