

# Advanced Canine Enrichment

The A.C.E. Program was established as an opportunity for you to create a personalized enrichment plan for your pup while sleeping over at LMDDC.

Enrichment activities generate multiple benefits for you and your pup, including being a great way to burn energy, relieve anxiety, and reduce stress. Overall, it helps your dog be calmer and more relaxed. A.C.E. options should be considered for pets for which all-day group play is just not a good fit. There is a wide range of reasons why all-day group play may not be a suitable option for some pups.

## Do any of the examples below sound like your pup?

**Puppies / Seniors** – Some age groups benefit greatly from having built-in breaks from play in their day.

**Unaltered / Intact dogs** – per LMDDC policy, we do not allow dogs over six months of age and not spayed or neutered to participate in group play. This is for their own safety.

**Non-social dogs** – Is your dog more of a people lover than a dog lover? That's OK! Not all dogs are dog-social dogs. It is perfectly normal to occupy different places on the dog social scale, including non-social, dog-selective, and dog-tolerant.

**Injury / Illness** – If your dog is ill or injured, you'll want to keep their exposure and activity levels to a minimum. That doesn't mean he has to be bored!

**Physical capabilities** – if your dog has physical limitations, there are still great opportunities to be mentally and physically stimulated throughout the day.

**Need breaks / Behavior issues** – have we ever told you we gave your dog a break from group today because he was being “cranky”? If you know, you know!

**High-drive intelligent dogs** – does your dog come home from a day of day care and still have energy? Does he just need more? If your dog needs a challenge, this could be the difference you're looking for.

**Timid dogs / Wallflowers** – nervous, shy, anxious pups may have a hard time finding their confidence and getting comfortable in group. We don't want to put them in a scenario they don't enjoy. This could be the best choice to reduce their stress.



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Enrichment options are designed to be offered in 15-minute increments and are offered as an add-on to your dog's "normal" day of group play (or people time, for those in our Independent Care program) for boarding appointments.

You may select one enrichment category per day of your boarding appointment.

## Calm & Connection (\$15)

LMDDC offers these bonding experiences for your pup, if you feel a little extra TLC may be just what he needs.

*\*Massage / Brushing Session / Cuddle Session / Storytime*



## Sensory (\$15)

These activities leverage their natural and instinctive behaviors, such as foraging and digging, and cater to dogs' acute senses. These can offer novel sights, sounds, smells, and textures to explore.

*\*Scent Scavenger Games / Nose Work  
Sound Games / Soundscapes /  
Frozen Toys / Kongs / Licky Mats /  
Ball Pit / Sand Box*



## Social (\$ varies)

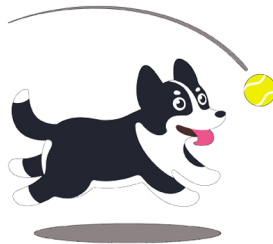
Social engagement activities focus on creating positive interactions among dogs.

LMDDC has traditionally been focused on social engagement, and this need is fulfilled with our group-play day care activities. On a limited basis, we may be able to create smaller, more intimate play groups that are customized to meet your pup's social needs.

## Cognitive(\$20)

These activities challenge their minds with problem-solving tasks and learning activities.

*\*Snuffle Mat / Treat Puzzle / Skills Training Session (sit, stay, place, recall, loose leash)*



## Physical (\$30)

These activities help ensure dogs receive adequate exercise, tailored to their needs and abilities, and promote physical health and well-being.

*\*Treadmill / Nature Walks / Indoor or Outdoor Fetch / Flirt Poles / Tug Games  
Bubble Play / Agility / Obstacle Course*

*\*Enrichment options may include anything listed in that category, or a combination of activities, at LMDDC's discretion.*

