

Daycare and Training

Our daycare and training program is great for locals who want to pick-up and drop-off daily.



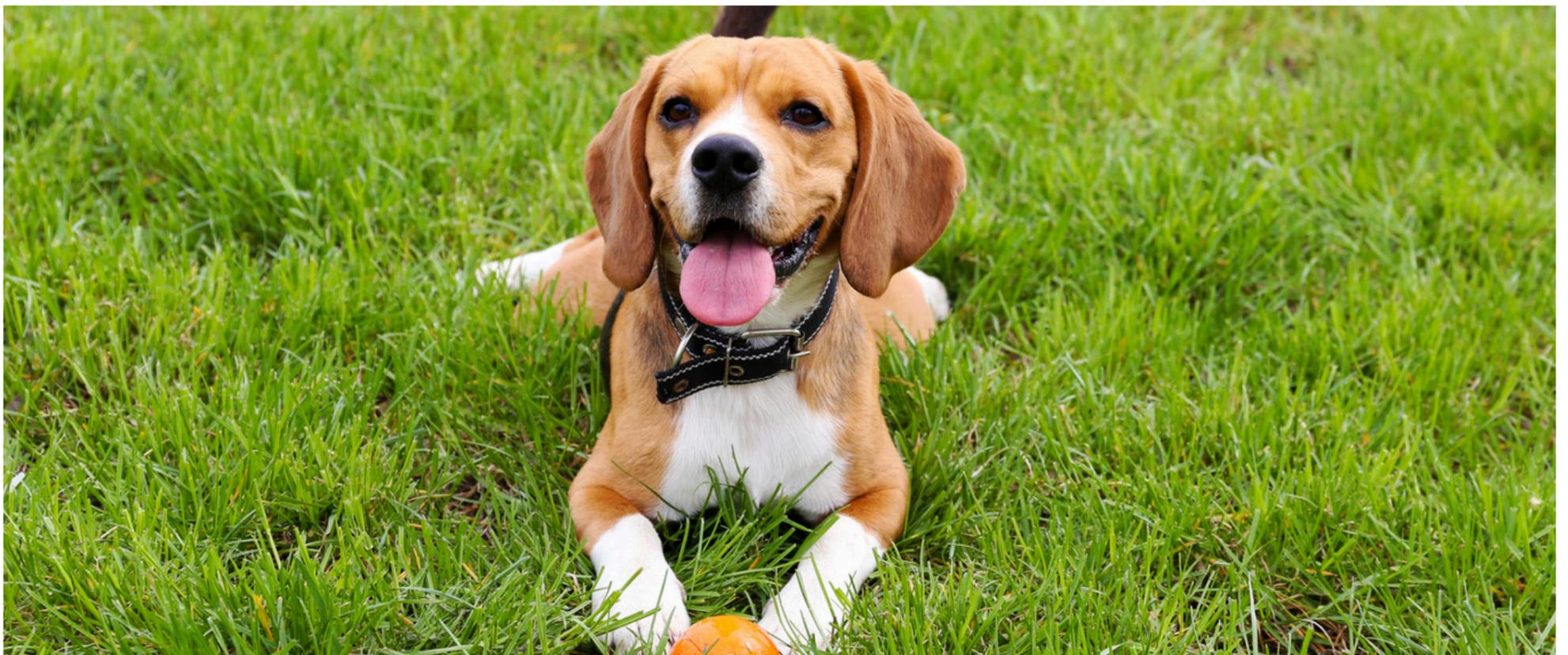
About us

We are a family-run business located in Anacortes, Washington. Stephanie, our head trainer and founder, learned from her mentor, Theodore Mark Stover, how to understand dogs and communicate with them from a place of loving confidence. For the last fifteen years, we have continued that mission at TMS; focusing on fostering healthy connections between dogs and their owners. This commitment is at the core of everything we do; helping people and dogs to communicate and connect in a beneficial way for both.

Our Training Method

Our training philosophy at TMS K-9 Connections is centered around connections. First, we set the dog up for success both in training and during socialization time. To set clear behavioral boundaries we utilize simple corrections using a prong collar or e-collar. When the dog is compliant we lavish them with love.

Here at TMS, we do not reward dogs with food. We want our dogs to be excited about working with their trainers; not getting fed. We have found that what makes dogs happy is lots of love, a tummy rub or playing ball. Knowing this, we use these moments of connection as a reward instead of food. Training is designed for each individual dog depending on their strengths and weaknesses as well as the age and needs of the handler.



Daycare and Boarding

When your pup comes to stay with us you'll have lots of choices. Your dog can play with other dogs under close supervision or they can have separate walks if they're not as social. Our main goal is to create a loving environment where all dogs are set up for success. While your dog is at camp they can also enjoy massages, extra playtime, adventures to nearby trails and dedicated one on one training.

Daycare drop-off and pick-up times are assigned to each client from Monday to Friday during the weeks of their program. Pups are dropped off and picked up much like a child would be at school and remain at home over the weekend.

It's important to note that our on-leash only program addresses the basics for on-leash only behavior and does not address functional skills which are generally off leash skills. The whole program; on and off leash combined, produces a fully trained dog while on-leash is only the rudimentary skills.

Training Program Details

3 Week On-Leash Only Daycare Training Program

On-Leash Program Includes:

- Dog Socialization
- Behavior changes
- Training through hormone surges
- Manners
- Proper heeling while walking
- Heeling with an automatic sit
- Come
- Down
- 30 minute down stay
- Walking down
- Down on a recall
- Come with an automatic sit and heel around
- Quiet command
- Crate training if needed
- Private check-out session at the end of the program

6 Week On and Off-Leash Daycare Training Program

On-Leash Program Includes:

- Dog Socialization
- Behavior changes
- Training through hormone surges
- Manners
- Proper heeling while walking
- Heeling with an automatic sit
- Come
- Down
- 30 minute down stay
- Walking down
- Down on a recall
- Come with an automatic sit and heel around
- Quiet command
- Crate training if needed
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Off-Leash Program Includes:

- 25-foot minimum come from a down
- Come with distractions
- Tight heel and automatic sit at heel with distractions
- 30-minute off-leash down with distractions
- Short distance down on a recall with distractions
- Come on up command
- Heel around

- Schutzhund turn
- Running down
- Running heel
- 2 Private Training Sessions at mid-point and check-out