

Questions for Daycare or Boarding Facilities

Although UCA doesn't do daycare or boarding, we want you to educate yourself on finding a good quality facility for your dog.

Here are some questions you may want to ask, as well as red flags to watch out for:

- What is your dog-to-staff ratio?
- Are dogs supervised 100% of the time?
- What training do staff members receive?
- Are staff certified in pet first aid/CPR?
- Do they do a temperament assessment before accepting dogs into their facility?
- Are dogs grouped by size, play style or temperament?
- How many structured breaks or rest periods are there each day? Do dogs get enforced nap time?
- Can I tour the facility before enrolling?

Red Flags:

- They won't allow tours
- They don't require temperament testing
- High dog-to-staff ratio (over ~15:1 dogs to staff during group play)
- No structured rest periods
- Staff can't clearly explain safety protocols
- Overcrowded or chaotic environment
- Strong smell of urine or poor cleanliness