

I still remember the first time I called Superdogs – I had recently brought Bogart, a-then 9 month old, no-manners Staffordshire Bull Terrier into my home, and my hopes of having a great partnership were quickly dwindling. Everywhere I went for training help seemed to practice extremes of “all love, no structure” or “all force, no love.” Frustrated to the point of tears, I called Superdogs one day on a lark and ended up sitting on the phone with Kris for almost an hour – for once, I felt like I was speaking with someone who really understood and appreciated wanting to do right by your dog and the concept of positive training, and who also made those things seem possible.

While I am somewhat apprehensive about most dog daycares’ approach of putting dogs of all ages, temperaments, sizes and backgrounds into a big room for a day with the hopes that they’ll “sort it out,” I was relieved when I learned of Superdogs’ innovative approach to daycare; customizing the dogs’ play groups and allowing them “off time” to rest actually enables the dogs to learn how to play with each other. I don’t know of anywhere else that offers several different play rooms with full supervision, as well as putting the effort in to build different play groups for the day. I’m always proud when I go to pick up Bogart from daycare and hear about the different “friends” he played with (it’s always fun to be given visual descriptions of your 40lb dog standing underneath a dog twice his size and still playing nonstop!). Bogart always has the biggest grin on the car ride home after class, and promptly passes out when we get home – at the end of a long work day, daycare becomes a treat not just for the dog, but for the owner as well!

Bogart and I have taken several obedience courses with Superdogs and have always had an amazing time at all of them. The staff are knowledgeable and take the time to help each individual dog with their specific needs, all the while offering tons of encouragement and support both in and out of class. I now have a dog who follows hand signals, knows extensive commands, walks nicely on a leash, and who constantly impresses everyone he meets. I’ve achieved that relationship with Bogart not by using force, but by creating a partnership, and learning how to respect and communicate with him in a way that is clear to him.

Although I’m a huge worrywart when it comes to Bogart, I trust the team at Superdogs with him with absolutely no worries, and I genuinely know that they care for his well being and success as much as I do.

The people who say “it’s just a dog” will never understand the commitment that some of us make to our animals. On the same note, The Superdog Spectrum isn’t “just” a dog daycare or “just” a training center. Lori, Tylene, Kris, Sarah, and the rest of the team aren’t “just” the staff

there. Rather, The Superdog Spectrum is a family, and one that I will always be indebted to for the help they've given us.











