

Yappy Hour Checklist

Planning a dog-friendly event is a great way for pet parents to interact and for dogs to socialize. Consider these points below when planning.

Suitable Venue

- Dog-friendly: dog park, local park, or backyard
- Sufficient space for dogs to roam and play safely

Date/Time

- Select date/time when weather will be pleasant
- Schedule during cooler hours: late afternoon or early evening

Event Promo

- Utilize social media, community boards, and word-of-mouth to promote
- Create digital invitations and printed flyers for online and offline use

Ground Rules

- Clearly communicate rules and expectations before event
- Ensure dogs are up to date with vaccinations
- Specify any restrictions: leash or supervision expectations

Environment

- Create a welcoming environment with shaded areas for both pets & pet parents
- Provide seating for pet parents so they can observe their pet but also relax

Ideas for Games & Activities

- Ice Cream Social: Dog-friendly ice cream or "make your own" station
- Canine Agility Course: tunnels, hurdles and weave poles
- Bobbing for Tennis Balls: kiddie pool with tennis balls
- Group Play: Large space for dogs to play and interact
- Refreshments for Humans