

# BOARD and TRAIN

## At Green Paws



In Green Paws' Board and Train program, your dog is the only one enrolled at a time. This ensures that Addi can dedicate as much time as possible to both active and passive training, allowing your dog to pick up behaviors faster and hopefully retain them once they return home.

The Board and Train program gives you the opportunity to take a break from the day-to-day challenges of dog training, while still receiving weekly progress reports. Addi recommends that after the Board and Train concludes, families enter Green Paws' coaching program at home. This step helps ensure that your dog won't lose weeks of hard work due to returning to an unchanged home environment.

The Board and Train program works because your dog is placed in a completely new environment – new person, new dogs, new rules, and new structures. Everything is fresh and different, and there are a lot of rules to follow in Addi's household. However, this change gives your dog the “reset button” that we all sometimes need. Once your dog is relaxed and comfortable, the structured training begins.

Training is individualized and guided by your goals. Before drop off, you will complete an extensive questionnaire to help Addi create a customized training plan for your dog. Training typically takes two to three weeks, and occasionally up to four weeks to complete. However, the pace of training is dictated solely by the dog.

It is important to note that Addi does not train with any tools besides a collar and a leash. She believes that trust, respect, and simply asking are far more effective tools than forcing a dog to comply by making. Addi's experience is rooted in working with her dogs at a distance of 400 yards with just a regular collar. At that point, the only option is to ask – and asking, when built on trust and understanding, can achieve amazing results.