



SORE PADS AND FEET

At DogBoy's the most common injury we see is sore or worn pads. Sore pads happen when friction from running, jumping and playing rub the outer layer of the pads down. Any dog is susceptible to this condition but there are ways to help prevent this from happening to your dog.

1. Walk! Getting Fido off the couch and walking regularly on rough surfaces will help reduce the risk of sore pads.
2. Keep your dog at a healthy weight. Being even slightly overweight can cause stress on your dog's pads. Being overweight also increases the risk of muscular injury.
3. Before your dog stays at DogBoys you can prepare your dog feet by applying a protection cream such as Protecta-Pad. These creams can help give your dog's pads elasticity and can prevent cracks that can lead to sore pads. Most of these creams can be purchased pet supply stores such as Tomlinson's Feed Store, Bark N Purr, and Gallery of Pets.
4. Keep your dogs nails trimmed. If you can hear them tapping on concrete, they are too long and can cause uneven pressure on the pads.

If your dog shows symptoms while your dog is at DogBoy's, we limit the dog's activity and apply Pad Heal to the sore pads. Pad Heal is a product that provides rapid healing with a protective barrier to keep the pads clean and tighten the pads. Pad Heal can also be used at home as a conditioner prior to boarding to help prevent wear on the pads.

While at DogBoy's most dogs are so stimulated by their surroundings they seem to ignore their symptoms and they don't pace themselves. Once the dog is picked up and goes home, he is not as stimulated by his surroundings and he realizes his soreness and pain. Once at home some dogs have been known to walk tender-footed and even not want to get up. If your dog is exhibiting these symptoms, applying Pad Heal 2 times a day can speed up the healing process. If the symptoms last for more than 3-4 days then contact your vet for further instructions.

Feel free to contact us at anytime if you have any questions or concerns and we will be happy to help.