



Run of the House - Dog Adventure Camp

This October marks the tenth anniversary of Tom Dufresne's Run of the House Dog Adventure Camp!

Since the business' beginnings in 2015, Tom's goal for Run of the House has always been to create a one-stop shop for all things DOG—having created a safe and enriching environment in which dogs can achieve physical and mental fulfillment, including structured play, socialization, and training: all in one place!

Run of the House offers a plethora of services including: Daycare, Boarding, Grooming Training Supplies, and more!

With over 6.5 acres of completely fenced-in terrain including forested area, open fields, and a .5-acre pond, the pups are never at a shortage of space to rip around; with pups averaging 6-8 kms per day of yard play. With the territory of his home and business providing an abundance of land and trail systems, Tom took the opportunity to offer a unique service exclusive to his business: off-leash trail hikes with packs of dogs (previously trained in off-leash recall); during which pups can reach up to 25-30 kms per day. The hikes, he explained, "have been a game-changer when it comes to fulfilling the physical requirements of high-energy breeds!"

When we asked Tom what lesson he thought every young business owner should know, Tom expressed gratitude for having excellent staff. A business owner cannot be everywhere at once, so keeping a team of reliable, passionate, dog-lovers is a must! With pack sizes averaging 35-45 dogs per day, he maintains a ratio of 1:10 of supervisors to dogs to ensure that each pup has a rewarding and safe experience tailored to his/her needs.

Tom recently finished an expansion two years in the making, broadening opportunities for services newly offered such as full grooming, a storefront offering training tools, canine apparel, toys and food, a large indoor training area, and, coming soon, in-house massage therapy services! Always looking to enhance and progress the business, Tom relays his future dreams for the business to eventually include an additional 3.5 acres of fenced-in rocky high ground for the pups to explore, as well as dock-diving, an agility course, and eventually, perhaps even physiotherapy; stating, "it's been an incredible and rewarding ten years—and we're just getting started!"

Run of the House's business hours are from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. They are welcoming new pups in all branches of services offered! To get the process started, please register through their website at: <https://www.runofthehouse.ca/pricing-sign-up> or email Katie, the office manager at runofthehouse@outlook.com.

