

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objective

Bark Camp Farm exists to serve the Hall County community by providing a world class, farm-style dog daycare and boarding facility. We have a shuttle service to pick up dogs within our area of service and then drop them off at the farm to run, play with friends and our staff, and be a dog. We believe dogs were meant to run and we want to give the pets of our community a fun, safe, and wide open area to do just that.

Vision

Our vision is to create a farm-style dog daycare and boarding facility that can be enjoyed by the dogs of our community. We provide a place where dogs get to be dogs and their owners can be assured their pups are well taken care of and receive lots of exercise. We promise all dogs will come home worn out and fully alive! Our business is currently one year old and has proven to meet a need for our community.

Service Description

To provide a convenient, safe, and fun farm for dogs to run and roam freely. Our premium service provides transportation to and from the dog owner's home and/or place of work. We will also provide spacious boarding for dogs.

1. History & current zoning

Current zoning for the property is AR III. It is our understanding that 5348 Grant Road has been used as a recreational, agricultural property. There is a residential housing option above the barn, called a barndominium, that was previously rented out. The farm is 11.5 acres. Surrounding neighbors are known to be animal lovers and have lots of different types of animals on their properties.

2. Farm-style dog daycare & boarding

We are proposing approval for conditional use for this property to be used as a farm-style dog daycare & boarding facility and for this to be a residential business. This farm is 11.5 acres. The parameters of the existing fields along with added fencing will allow our dogs to run freely in a safe and guarded environment. We plan to utilize the two main fields to transition dog runs periodically to allow for more exploration and discovery. We are requesting a variance of 50 foot setback from the property lines for fencing the dog runs. There is a natural buffer of trees,

shrubs and overgrowth that surrounds the property line. There is also a large pond on the property where we will allow the dogs to swim with owner's permission. Weather permitting, all dogs (daycare & boarding) will participate in the farm-style daycare offered. Dogs are outside running and playing all day with the option to go in and out of the existing barn and covered or treed areas for shade and a cool down/hydration area or take a swim in the pond. For inclement weather we will utilize the existing barn for indoor play time. Bark Camp reserves the right to cancel daycare if necessary because of the weather. Shade and hydration stations will also be made available throughout the dog runs and play areas. We will use the barn and natural treed areas for shade as well as temporary pop up tents that can be moved as needed. We use horse feeders as water bowls that connect to the fences for "hydration stations". Boarding dog accommodations will be provided in the existing barn structure.

3. Temperament Assessments

Bark Camp Farm performs a temperament assessment on any first time dog. This assessment is required before reservations can be made for daycare or boarding. Any dog that displays aggression or overtly nervous behavior towards other dogs or to our staff is not able to return. Our policies also allow us the right to quarantine and prohibit any dog that shows aggression towards other dogs or humans. Bark Camp Farm reserves the right to deny certain breeds from using our facilities and dog parks/runs.

4. Hours of operation

Monday-Friday 8-5, Saturday 8-12 & Sunday 2-5 with staff on sight earlier and later to care for boarding dogs.

5. Signage -Bark Camp Farm signage will go on or next to existing barn structure which is not visible from Grant Rd.

6. Access- Grant Road is a two lane paved road that connects to Elrod road and Bark Camp road and can be reached through various access points/ routes to get to Price road or Thompson bridge road. We will use the existing driveway for our proposed use.

7. Lighting- no new lighting

8. Water and waste water disposal

All water and waste water will be disposed using existing septic system located next to existing barn (1000 gallon tank). System is identical in size to that obtained at previous business location and approved by environmental health. There will be 3-4 employees on site. We give on average 5 baths per day and clean on average

3-5 kennels per day (water waste goes down a mop sink). All dog waste will be bagged in dog waste specific bags and thrown away in the trash.