Children's Hospital Colorado
Anschutz Campus
Canine Respite Area
SD Package

## Reason for this project:

Dogs have come to be one of the great hallmarks of Children's Hospital Colorado, where patients, families, staff, and even team members depend on Medical Dogs and Prescriptions Pets to get them through their hardest days. For these dogs to do their best work, they must also have opportunities to simply be dogs. After a particularly rough bedside procedure or after remaining still and steady for hours to help a patient comply with a test or treatment, the healthiest and most normal thing we can offer our dogs is time to run and play. This helps them re-set and not feel stressed or burned out by what they experience at work. Not only will a fenced space offer normative play for the dogs in a safe and controlled environment, but it will also create opportunities for patients and families to connect with the dogs at play. Hospital therapists can encourage ambulation by scheduling a time for a patient to be outside and watch the dogs play from a nearby bench, and play time can also be broadcast to patient rooms via Seacrest Studio. This will give patients restricted to their rooms by immobility or isolation status the chance to virtually interact with the dogs of CHCO in ways they never have before.

## Risk Concerns:

How is the space being controlled from unauthorized use? This space will have a badge reader, and only handlers and Prescription Pet volunteers would have access.

## How is the space being supervised?

Medical Dog handlers and Prescription Pet volunteers will be required to be with their dogs outside, just as they are required inside the hospital.

What policies does CHCO have concerning the space? The Medical Dog Program Executive Steering Committee will work to draft a policy that will include proper utilization, hours of operation, maintenance, access, and the process for approvals of changes.

What policies, specific to immunizations of the animals will there be for this space?
Medical Dogs and Prescription Pet dogs' immunizations are closely monitored through the hospital; these immunizations will be sufficient for outdoor play.

## Use of Space:

What dogs will be using this space? Will service animals be allowed to use this space?
Medical Dogs and Prescription Pet Program dogs will be the only animals allowed to use this space. We will not allow service animals.

## What are the hours of this space?

8:00 am - 8:00 pm, seven days per week.
What is the cleanup policy of the dogs (in terms of per dog, and for the entire space)?
Every dog owner/handler will clean up feces immediately. The plans also include a hose hookup available to wash down the area. These dogs are screened for intestinal parasites, so there should be no worries about ground contamination with parasites. For the entire space, our facilities team will be responsible for managing waste receptacles.

## How many dogs may use this space?

This is ultimately dependent on square footage allocated for the space Dog daycare recommendations are 300 square feet per large dog. We would follow that recommendation. Additionally, handlers and volunteers would closely monitor whether dogs have enough room while they are actively playing.

## What is the reasoning behind the size of this space?

More space is better and makes it easier to build more natural looking structures which are appropriate for both large and small dogs. Additionally, more space allows for more active play which is important for the dogs during their respite recovery period. Aesthetically, if we can get the entire area fenced, it would look a lot cleaner and be less likely to require an expansion as we add dogs to the program.

## Design of Space:

What is the recommended fence height?
A 6 -foot fence makes the most sense in terms of containment and discouraging anyone from climbing it. In addition on the north and west edges a tall plantmaterial hedge for screening has been incorporated into the plans.

## Are there any plants that are important to avoid?

Plantings to enhance the exterior of the area are important. There are lists of toxic plants readily available through the Animal Poison Control Center.

## What will the structured play items look like?

All structured play elements will look natural, and there will be space for dogs to run and exercise. We have contacted two facilities regarding play elements: The Hill's Pet Food Research group, and the Royal Canin Global Innovation Centers. Each has built some interesting structures to provide enrichment, which include climbing stairs, tunnels and puzzles, and their input has been layered into the design


CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CANINE RESPITE AREA INTRODUCTION
8 October 2020




21 APRIL: 12:00


21 APRIL: 15:00


21 MAY: 12:00


21 MARCH: 15:00


21 MAY: 15:00

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CANINE RESPITE AREA SUN / SHADE STUDY







## DESIGN PRINCIPLES:

- Break down the rectilinear boundary to create a more curvilinear form that reflects the character of the overall Education Quad
- Simplify the design to a more artistic and sculptural expression
- Screen the north and west edges, and create shape and spatial definition
- Engage the view from above from adjacent buildings with more artistic and sculptural forms
- Introduce vertical contrast in the shape and flow of the ground plane through the use of mounds
- Vertically layer the plant material for seasonal interest








## Landscape Narrative

The plant material proposed for the Children's Hospital Canine Respite Area is designed to address three primary purposes:

- An arc of trees provides shade and strong spatial enclosure and harmonizes with the curvilinear geometry of the overall Education Quad
- The placement of a hedge along the north and west edges of the fence ine to visually screen the canine respite area from 17th Ave and the entry walk and parking areas to the west.

Along the east/west walkway between the lobby to the east and the north entrance a planting bed with perennials and ornamental grasses will provide year round texture and seasonal color.


Trees | Shade | Arc


Perennials + Grasses | Color | Texture


Hedge| Screen | Shape


Vertical | Forms | Markers

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Plant-Based Artificial Grass


## SYNLawn Pet Platinum

The ultimate artificial grass designed for pets of all shapes and sizes. With maximum drainage built-in, cleanup is a breeze. Ultra-durable Super YarnTM construction eliminates digging, brown spots, and other common problems


## SynLawn Pet Platinum

- Strongest fiber for durability on the market

Constructed with anti-microbial Super Yarn Technology

- Super Yarn construction also eliminates digging, brown spots and other common problems found in pet facilities
- Infill: EnviroFill at 2 lbs
- Maintenance-free
- Built-in maximum drainage to increase site drainage
Antimicrobial product
- Does not compact or clog drainage
- High wear-resistance and realistic
appearance
- Cleaning solution: Pro-Vet Logic, installed with the EZ-FLO System


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## * IMPORTANT *

READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INSTALLING THE SYSTEM TO INSURE PROPER INSTALLATION
EZ-FLO Coupling Ball Valve Required for Installation Sold Separately

- Do not connect to an irrigation system that is not protected by an approved back flow prevention device.
Do not install if pressure exceeds 80 PSI
Use only with non-hazardous products
Minimize exposure to direct sunlight to maximize service life
- Protect against freezing to avoid tank fracture


## System Installation

## Typical installation

The system is normally installed in a valve box, connected to the main line of the irrigation system after the back flow preventer and before the sprinkler valves. One unit will feed both drip and sprinkler zones without changing any connections or nozzles. It will feed both the front and back yard landscapes.


