

Off-Leash Play Evaluation



Dog's Name: Jess Lane **Evaluator:** Robin & Susan **Date:** 7/31/13

Complete checklist for dogs being evaluated for off-leash playgroups.

Background			
Category	Background	Specifics	Score 3 = Green 2 = Yellow 1 = Red
Breed-type	Breed or dominate breed traits in a mix	See pages 48 – 50 in <i>Off-Leash Dog Play</i> book for list by group	1
Age	Dog with prior off-leash play experience	Green: 6 months – 3 years Yellow: 3 – 7 years Red: 8 years+	2
	Dog with no prior off-leash play experience	Green: under 5 months Yellow: 6 months – 3 years Red: over 3 years	
Social Experience	Type of prior social experiences with other dogs	Green: Dog daycare – operations known Yellow: Dog daycare – operations unknown; public dog park Red: Few dogs, on leash only, none; expelled from daycare	1
Usual Play Style	Description of usual play style	Green: Easygoing, short games Yellow: Wrestle, chase, vocal during play Red: Rough, nonstop play, alpha, wants to be in charge	2
When Upset	Dog's behavior when upset	Green: Moves away, hides, submissive Yellow: Barks, shakes, whimpers Red: Grumpy, growly, gets a "look", "you'll know"	2
Prey Drive	Clues to dog's prey drive	Green: No indicators Yellow: Chase play style, focused/staring behavior Red: Chases squirrels, cats, bikes, cars, etc.	1
Resource Guarding	Does dog share food or toys; reaction when approached	Green: Shares toys & food with other pets Yellow: Shares unless high-value item (e.g., bone, pig's ear) or answer is unknown Red: Separate to feed, growls/snaps if approached eating	2
Bite History	Dog's bite history or reaction when pushed	Green: No bites or aggressive responses in profile Yellow: Growly, snaps, single low-level bite history Red: High-level history with dogs or people; multiple instances	1
Obedience	Obedience classes attended and level of use in home	Green: Multiple classes & consistent use at home Yellow: One class & some use at home; or combination of classes/home use not listed Red: No class & rarely used at home	2
Why	Reason client wants dog to attend daycare	Green: Play with other dogs; so not home alone; additional exercise to what dog gets at home Yellow: Suggested by other; separation anxiety; sole source of exercise Red: Socialization (if adult dog)	3
Possible Points = 30			Subtotal 17

Human Interaction			
Category	Human Interaction	Specifics	Score 3 = Green 2 = Yellow 1 = Red
Meeting	Response to new people	Green: Initiates interaction and stays for more than 2 seconds Yellow: Tolerates interaction and displays stress signals Red: Avoids greeting; displays warning signals or aggression	3
Handling	Response to touch and handling	Green: Very accepting Yellow: Tolerates; displays stress signals Red: Displays warning signals	2
Obedience	Response to obedience cues	Green: Attentive and responsive Yellow: Some positive responses Red: Ignores most cues and eye contact	3
Possible Points = 9			Subtotal 8

Dog Greeting			
Category	Dog Greetings	Specifics	Score 3 = Green 2 = Yellow 1 = Red
Calm, low-key Adult Dogs	Reaction to meeting balanced, confident dogs &/or first dogs introduced	Green: Polite behaviors Yellow: Some rude behaviors tolerated Red: Rude behaviors corrected and accepted or avoids greeting	2
Other Dogs	Reaction to meeting other individual dogs	Green: Polite behaviors Yellow: Some rude behaviors tolerated Red: Rude behaviors corrected and accepted or avoids greeting	1
Small Group	Reaction to being in small group of dogs	Green: Enjoys interactions; plays Yellow: Tolerates interactions; some stress signals displayed Red: Avoids interactions; multiple stress signals; warning signals	1
Large Group	Reaction to being in large group of dogs; prospective playgroup	Green: Enjoys interactions; plays Yellow: Tolerates interactions; some stress signals displayed Red: Avoids interactions; multiple stress signals; warning signals	1
Possible Points = 12		Subtotal	5

Playgroup Behavior			
Category	Playgroup Behavior	Specifics	Score 3 = Green 2 = Yellow 1 = Red
Play	Play behaviors <i>Play style: <u>unknown</u></i>	Green: Appropriate in most instances; easily redirected Yellow: Frequent inappropriate behaviors or shows little interest in playing Red: Consistently inappropriate play requiring redirection	2
Stress	Number of stress signals displayed and length of time	Green: Very few for a short time period Yellow: Moderate number for a short time period Red: High level for extensive time period	2
Body Posture	Overall dog body language displayed	Green: Relaxed or playful postures most of the time Yellow: Alert, anxious, confident, or subordinate postures displayed frequently Red: Aroused, fearful, predatory postures displayed frequently	2
Energy Level	Energy level during play group	Green: Low to moderate with play and rest cycles; self-control Yellow: Moderate; high at arrival or key events; few rest cycles Red: High most of period; instances of high arousal; rarely rests	2
Other Behaviors	Instances observing inappropriate off-leash group behaviors: Bully, Aggressive, Fear, Lack of interest	Green: Rare instances Yellow: Some instances; responds well to redirections; other dogs tolerate behaviors with appropriate corrections/warnings Red: Frequent; multiple redirections required to manage bully/aggressive behaviors; other dogs avoid the dog	1
Possible Points = 15		Subtotal	9

Green Dog = 66 - 51 Yellow Dog = 50 - 36 Red Dog = 35-22	Total Score	39
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Additional notes or observations: Due to other dogs avoiding Jess she was not placed in a large playgroup as decision was made with small group the environment was not a good fit. The very low score bordering yellow/red confirms the decision to not admit Jess to off-leash playgroups.