

Medium and Large Dog Playgroup Rules

1. All dogs attending the playgroup must be up to date on all required vaccines
2. Your dog must be spayed/neutered
2. Your dog must have completed at least one positive reinforcement obedience course
3. No aggressive dogs are allowed in the play groups
4. Dogs should remain leashed until instructor starts the play session
5. No dogs are allowed to greet while on leash
6. Only handle your own dog, do not try to correct the behavior of anyone else's dog. That is the job of the owner or the instructor
7. No treats are to be dispensed to the dogs during the play session
8. If a dog is being too rough or exhibiting any bullying type of behavior, ex pens will be offered as a time out space. If that doesn't help the situation, you may be asked to leave the playgroup to ensure the safety of all dogs involved.
9. No harnesses on the dogs during the play session. Please make sure your dog has a collar on during the session.
10. Do not bring toys from home, toys will be provided during the session
11. Clean up after your dog. Cleaning supplies will be provided if any dogs have an accident during the session.

Acceptable Dog Behaviors

1. Shy (no signs of reactivity or aggression)
2. Playful
3. Mutually “Rough” (rough doesn’t necessarily mean bad if all dogs involved are ok with it. Important for humans to “referee” the play)
4. Good Communication (An air snap or a quick growl isn’t necessarily precursors to aggression. It can just be great dog communication. A good dog should be able to give and take good communication)
5. Share toys and bowls
6. Friendly with both dogs and people

Unacceptable Dog Behaviors*

1. Aggressive (towards people or dogs)
2. Bullying
3. Too rough
4. Resource guarding
5. Lack of Communication Skills (Doesn’t take direction from other dogs)
6. Untrained
7. Unsocialized
8. Fearful Reactive
9. Excessive Mounting/Humping

**Please note if your dog shows signs of these unacceptable behaviors, they may be asked to leave the playgroup, at the discretion of the trainer.*