

PACKPRO DOG SOCIABILITY SCALE

The Dog Sociability Scale is a visual representation of the range of social personality types in dogs. All dogs fall somewhere on this scale, and their success in a daycare or group play environment is dependent on where they fall.



It's critical for dog daycare facilities to perform new dog evaluations and continue to monitor individual dog behavior. Based on the above scale, **dog-selective** and **dog-aggressive** dogs make up approximately 50% of the dog population and a daycare environment would not be recommended.

Was your dog dismissed from daycare or did not pass their evaluation? That's okay! 50% or more of the dog population are in the same category. This is perfectly normal and is an indicator that the facility is operating with safety as a priority and ALL dog's enjoyment in mind. "Daycare" is NOT a one-size-fits-all, and there are a variety of other programs designed specifically for these dogs!

We are on a mission to normalize the fact that not all dogs will enjoy daycare. This isn't a "problem" and they don't need to be "trained". They can still be a great dog, and simply require a different program to match their personality type!



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DOG SOCIAL

- Typical for puppies to begin their socialization here
- Loves the company of other dogs, and isn't particular about who they socialize with
- It would be uncommon for dogs to stay dog social for their entire life
- We always see these dogs out and about because they have the skills to succeed in public
- We expect all dogs to remain dog social, when in fact it would be extremely uncommon for adult dogs to remain in this category
- It's possible for a dog to be overly social, and struggle to act appropriately with dog tolerant dogs
- Can be a good candidate for a daycare environment, depending on ability to understand social cues and corrections

DOG TOLERANT

- Accepting of most other dogs
- Are content "existing" around other dogs, doesn't necessarily need to play
- Could be interested in engaging in play and has a longer fuse for impolite behavior
- Has appropriate communication skills with other dogs. Can give and receive corrections from other dogs
- Needs minimal direction from humans to have positive interactions with dogs
- Common for adult dogs to become dog tolerant after maturity

DOG SELECTIVE

- Has a small circle of dog "friends"
- Has limited tolerance for impolite behavior from other dogs
- Is quick to correct other dogs during play
- "Stars have to align" for the dog to enjoy social interaction with other dogs
- Also known as the "fun police" in group situations
- Requires direction & intervention from humans to have safe interactions
- Common for adult dogs to become dog selective after maturity or after an undesirable social interaction
- Will usually struggle to succeed in a daycare environment

DOG AGGRESSIVE

- Limited dog friends (if any at all)
- Poor social skills
- May give signals that they are social, until the pressure of being around dogs becomes too much
- Needs an advanced handler to keep them safe in a dog socialization situation
- Is happier having ample space AWAY from other dogs
- Fairly uncommon in adult dogs who haven't had a bad experience in a social setting
- Genetically the dog might have aggressive tendencies
- Not recommended for daycare

