

# Paw Play Daycare Evaluation

It is important that you understand completely how our daycare works, how your dog fits into our pack and how to read our initial evaluation form and our report cards.

Our initial evaluation will help you understand your dog's personality around other dogs as well as with our staff. Upon check out on your first day you will receive a list of behavior traits that we consider and why they are important. Each behavior trait is broken down into levels for easy understanding. When you receive your evaluation form, a level will be circled. You will match that up with the list below to understand your dog's personality.

The evaluation takes place outside in our play area and we recommend that you arrive promptly at 7am on your first visit. We start out by placing your dog alone and allow him to get adjusted to the area and allow him or her to eliminate if he or she needs. After a few minutes, we take into consideration your dog's initial personality. We will match a dog with a different personality to see how your dog handles the difference. Depending on how well your dog does depends on the next type of dog we introduce. We test using both small and large dogs that range from very playful to nervous. Your dog will normally meet up to five dogs before being introduced to the remainder of the pack.

Most dogs do well in daycare. For dogs that are nervous or unsure, it may take a couple of visits to make your dog feel comfortable. However, we can assure you that the entire time your dog is out in the play area, he or she is observing and learning dog behavior which is essential to his well being.