



TEMPERAMENT TEST

Prior to attending day care, all dogs must pass a temperament test with a control dog whilst at the service. It is preferred that this test occurs in the early morning or late evening of the service's operating hours. By reducing the number of dogs in the service, it will allow for better control of both handlers to interpret their animals and make informed decisions.

If other dogs are attending the service then they will be relocated to a separate area and only the control dog and the animal being evaluated will share a space. Both handlers will approach on lead and all the dogs to sniff each other. It is important to have a loose lead as tension on leads can cause dogs to become nervous or aggressive if they feel threatened.

1. Allow two dogs to enter the play area lead by handlers.
2. Loose leads will allow dogs to sniff each other and for the new dog to explore his/her surroundings.
3. Monitor dogs for appropriate greetings.
4. Watch for any inappropriate greetings or indicators of stress.
5. If dogs appear calm and neither dog appears to be stressed then remove the leashes and allow the dogs to interact freely.
6. Have the owner step away from his/her dog and allow the two dogs to interact whilst under the supervision of a staff member.
7. If the staff member is satisfied with the temperament of the dog being evaluated then enrolment may commence.

Indicators of acceptable and inappropriate dog interaction behaviours can be located within the Staff room of the service and staff are encouraged to use the information provided to guide their decision making during the temperament test.

Dog Name: _____ **Pass:** YES / NO

Staff Member: _____

Comments: _____

By signing this document I/the owner of the above mentioned dog agree to enrol my animal in Canine Cuddles Pty Ltd and will accept the enrolment terms and conditions outlined on the Waiver & Liability form which forms part of the Enrolment Form.

Owner Signed: _____ **Date:** _____