



Individual Temperament Testing and Social Assessment for Social Play Group **While Boarding**



Individual Temperament Testing and Social Assessment is provided by a Fear Free Certified Kennel Attendant and is required to participate in our **Social Play Group Time!** This fun social time allows your dog to spend time interacting with other dogs in a group setting during its stay. Half Day Social Group Play Time is \$12.00 per dog, per session. Social Group Play is for a 4 hour period with potty and drink breaks during this time. Your dog(s) will play from either 8am -12pm or 1pm – 5pm. Full Day Play (8am - 5pm) is \$18.00 per day. We offer Social Group Play Monday – Friday. We also still offer Social Play Group Time for a 30min session for \$10.00 while boarding!

Individual Temperament Testing and Social Assessments (ITTSA) are performed **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.** Initial assessment duration varies for each pet. Some pets may take longer to adjust to their environment and we want to give each pet the best opportunity possible. For this reason, we will require that each dog's assessment be completed prior to their boarding stay and we will ask that your pet stay with us for the majority of the day.

We *require* that owners complete the Application and Consent form and schedule the ITTSA in advance of their dog's boarding reservation dates so the dog can easily be placed in groups when it arrives for boarding. For the initial assessment done in advance of the boarding stay, we will not charge a day boarding fee; only the assessment fee which is \$40 for the stay, the individual temperament test and the social assessment.

If the assessment is not able to be scheduled prior to boarding, it may be scheduled within the pets boarding stay, with special permission. Individual TLCs will be provided until the assessment can be completed. If cleared, Social Group TLC Time can begin.

A **temperament test** is a process in which we perform a series of planned exercises and activities designed to assess the dog's potential for fearful, nervous or agitated behavior while determining its level of social development. This helps to ensure that the dog is not aggressive and can play well without posing a danger to itself or others. Handling a dog should be done through positive reinforcement and motivational methods. We will do nothing out of the ordinary that will cause undue stress or injury to your pet.

After the individual temperament test, the **social assessment** involves slowly introducing other friendly dogs into the environment and gauging their interactions. We will let you know how your pet did throughout the assessment and if we have any concerns or restrictions. The majority of dogs that come for temperament tests are cleared, and we will be open with communicating about your pet's progress. Once your pet is cleared for Social Group TLC Time, your pet will not need to repeat the assessment unless incidents occur. If your dog has not attended day play for a 4 month period, it will need to be reassessed. A reassessment between 4 and 6 months of not attending is \$20. After 6 months of not attending the reassessment is \$40. The staff of Petersburgh Pet Care are not licensed or certified behaviorists or trainers and may refer you for further assistance if needed.

Dogs over 1 year old must be spayed or neutered, and current on all required vaccinations for boarding.

