



IS DOG SOCIAL DAY BOARDING A GOOD FIT FOR MY DOG?

Here are six questions to ask yourself:

1. **Is my dog at least five months old?** Cedarburg Pet Care requires dogs to be at least five months old in order to attend. There are many developmental functions a dog needs to have in order before coming to a dog daycare. The five-month mark is a great starting point.
2. **Is my dog physically healthy?** We require all dogs to be up-to-date on three vaccinations- bordetella, DHLPP, & rabies. If you have all of those requirements met it's still important that your pup isn't sick or doesn't have any medical conditions that could spread among other animals or humans in the facility.
3. **Is my dog social?** Daycare is meant to be fun for both the dogs and their owners, and if your pup doesn't enjoy being around other people and animals, then he probably won't have fun at daycare either. If a dog hasn't learned how to behave well around other dogs, we first recommend training or behavior modification classes prior to enrollment. While daycare is a good space for dogs to hone their socialization skills it is not a good place for them to start from scratch. We offer both a [Puppy's Day Out Program](#) (beginning at age 10-20 weeks) and [Shy Dog Program](#) (dogs developing confidence and social skills)
4. **Does my dog guard items or people?** Resource guarding, whether it's an object or a person, can be a difficult behavior to incorporate into daycare social groups. We don't use balls or toys in most of our daycare groups to avoid resource-guarding problems. However, some dogs can resource guard the strangest things. This would be an important bit of information to communicate during our initial Dog Evaluation.
5. **Does my dog have basic obedience training?** While this isn't a requirement, it's a huge benefit to your dog and our team if your dog knows some basic commands, like 'sit' and 'stay'. More advanced commands like 'come' and 'down' are also great skills to develop.
6. **Has my dog been evaluated by Cedarburg Pet Care LLC?** We require all dogs (daycare or boarding) to go through an evaluation. This allows us to learn about your dog from you and by watching it engage with other well-adapted dogs.

So, Is Your Dog Ready for an Evaluation?

Going through this list may seem like a lot of work, but it's really the only way to know if your dog is a good fit for daycare. We require this information from every dog and its owner before we ever start letting them play with our pack of dogs. These standards empower us to create a safe environment for all of the dogs under our care and an enjoyable atmosphere for our team.

There are many benefits to putting your dog in daycare, including finding canine friends, relieving stress, providing new socialization, breaking up boredom and loneliness, providing your dog with a stimulating and active lifestyle, and even improving their obedience. If you want to find out more or are ready to schedule your Daycare Evaluation please call (262) 293-6470, email: cedarburgpet@gmail.com or schedule a Meet & Greet online.