

## PROCESS FOR TESTING DOG PAIRS WITHOUT WALKING

Try and take your time. Spend at least 10-15 minutes separated from each other and longer if the situation and time allows. The more data we have the better we can judge the relationship of the pairs. Always remember: Describe observable behavior - things you see and not things you feel.

One volunteer will take Dog A and the other one will take Dog B. The next time this pair is tested, switch the parts so that Dog A is now Dog B.

### **Protocol for Dog A:**

Take Dog A out of the kennel and bring to a play yard.

- Does dog walk away from kennel without looking back?
- Is dog hesitant to leave kennel/building?
- Does dog walk well with you to play yard?
- Does dog look around a lot?
- Once in play yard does dog show signs of stress (lip licking, panting, yawning, etc.)

Do some focus exercises; i.e., sit, down, etc. Offer them treats. Observe how they relate to you.

- Does dog have good focus? Eye contact? etc.
- Is dog's attention on you all the time?
- Does dog look around and check environment frequently?
- Does dog seek contact/proximity to you?

### **Protocol for Dog B:**

Stay at kennel with Dog B and observe behavior.

- Does dog try and follow Dog A?
- Does dog react to Dog A's departure?
- Does dog appear to be stressed without Dog A? (lip licking, panting, yawning, restlessness, etc.)
- Does dog relate to you? Accept treats? Settle down?

### **Final Protocol for Both Dog A and Dog B:**

Take Dog B to the play yard and reunite with Dog A and give them 10 minutes or more together.

- Once they can see each other again, do they react?
- How do they react? At what distance exactly?
- Do they greet each other? How?
- Do they play with each other?
- Do they stay in each other's vicinity or go their separate ways in the yard?

Walk them back to the kennel together and observe behavior.

- Do they seek close contact? Walk parallel? Pay attention to each other? etc.

Put them back into kennel and observe how they settle in there.

- Do they stay close together, lay down in different parts of the kennel, etc.

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