



A FAIR SHARE

or... Gettin' downright sociable at your local kennels.

Canine cavorting

We of course always maintain very strict codes of practice to ensure that no two dogs from different families are ever directly accessible to each without prior instruction from and agreement between their owners (and in some cases this is also true for same-family dogs, as well). This said, we really do encourage interaction between our many different canine boarders whenever reasonably possible. Believe it or not, we actually *do* think that the kennelling experience can be a great socializing and happy time for dogs who often do not get the chance to "sniff butt" quite as much as they might like!

So, during your dog's twice-daily romps in our exercise areas, we would like you to consider allowing us to take advantage of any opportunities we see develop for a friendly shared exercise and play time with any of our other boarders from other families. And please, trust that we of course absolutely monitor very closely all such interactions and also respect at all times such issues as gender, temperament and breed. If all this does interest you, great! Just make sure you indicate your preference in this regard on our Admission Form called "...a bit about your PET".

And one more thing... the disclaimer (sorry): If you'll let us work with your dog so that he or she can share some time with another, we do unequivocally take full moral responsibility for encouraging this practice and for our work with your dog at the time. This said, you also need to understand and accept that putting any two or more animals (any human too?) together cannot be an entirely risk-free thing to do, and so we do not accept any legal liability in any event. We do feel, however, that the advantages associated with this shared time can often be easily justified in the context of what we think are very minimal risks in a carefully monitored situation.

Taking cavorting to the next level

Like the whole idea of sharing, socialising and just basically having your dog get on with others? Well, how about not only sharing exercise and play time but also his or her actual enclosure with a dog from another family. All the considerations highlighted above will also be applied to enclosure-sharing, but of course it also must be said that the risks and associated responsibilities would be the same as well. Yet we know that over the years a very good number of our boarders have had very positive experiences in our care when they have been able to share their living space with another dog with whom they interact especially well. Interested?

If so, just indicate accordingly in our Admission Form "...a bit about your PET". We cannot guarantee that there will be another dog boarding at the same time who is a perfect enclosure-partner for yours, but if there is then we will put them together and monitor carefully. For all days that your dog is sharing with another, both dogs, or in other words you, will receive a 20% discount on your daily boarding rate.

Feline friendliness

Cats are obviously very different from dogs with regard to socializing (see above). We do nevertheless like to explore this possibility with our feline boarders as well when it seems useful, pleasant and above all else, safe. Once again, we ask that you indicate your preference in this regard on our Admission Form.

Some dogs and cats CAN live with each other

If you have a dog and cat who just looooooove each other and who just neeeeeed to be together, we might be able to help! If your pets are just the right type and have just the right personalities, and if your dog is a smaller breed, then we're happy to look at the possibility of having them share an enclosure during their stay with us. Now how's *that* for gettin' sociable?!