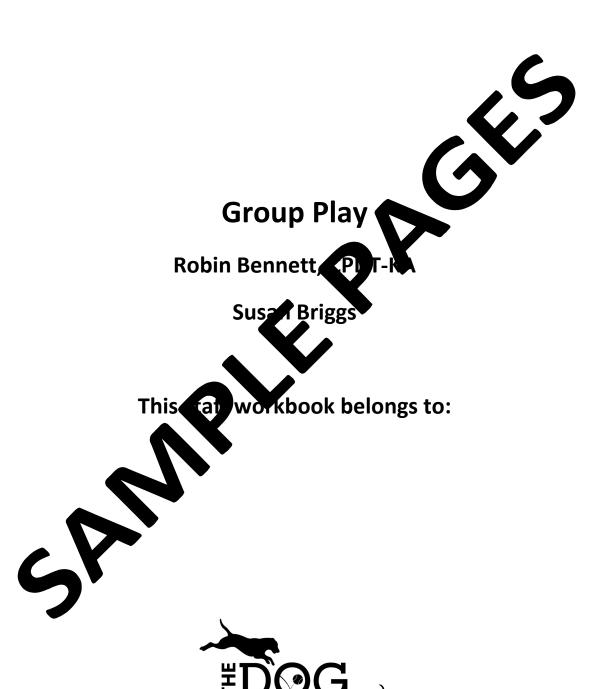
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Program Goals

Knowing Dogs 201: Group Play

Welcome to the Knowing Dogs 201: Group Play, developed and produced by Robin Bennett and Susan Briggs. Information for this staff-training program is from the book, <u>Off-Leash Dog Play: A Complete Guide to Safety &Fun</u>, by Robin Bennett and Susan Briggs. The program has been designed so procedures discussed can be customized to your specific pet care center.

Knowing Dogs 201: Group Play was developed to keep dogs safe while playing togeth provide knowledge to develop skills for pet care providers to properly supervise play. Dogs are a language that they use to communicate with each other, with humans and with other animals. Wen you learn and understand their language you'll recognize warning signs and signals that the arg is not infortable and how to safely respond.

We want dogs that attend group play to be physically safe and leaves group as emotionally sound as when they arrived to play. The information included in the Knowing 201: Group Play program helps pet care providers recognize the early warning signs appropriate play behaviors and how to take action to keep play fun and safe for each dog. The will assult in happier and healthier dogs that make your job easier, and satisfied clients that keep coming ask.

We are passionate about providing the information per pet care providers need to be successful. Knowing Dogs 201: Group Play, is a key foundation for further ddy. Dogs have a lot to teach us and we invite you to join us in learning and understanding their behaviors.

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For those who are serious about training their staff in safe off-leash dog play, we invite you to become members of our online community at www.TheDogGurus.com where you can earn badges for using this resource and obtain other exclusive information on how to run a safe off-leash play program.

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Module Information and Tools

The staff workbook is designed to be a resource of material covered in each training session for your ongoing reference. It is intended that you add your own notes to the resource material printed from the teaching presentations. The workbook also provides a summary of your progress in learning the material and developing skills during the training. Finally, the workbook includes evaluation questions and exercises of material learned, activity notes and case study observation results. We acticipate the workbook will get a lot of wear and tear during your adventure in learning dog language and group play. Enjoy the experience!

The following symbols are used in the workbook to alert you to an activity you are complete while watching the teaching sessions: a hand-out customized for your pet care content, than on activity that you will perform after the end of the training session, a shift tip to continue the learning process on-the-job, or a place for you to write down questions you have for your supervisors applying the material to your job.



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This symbol indicates there is an equivariant for you to complete in your guide during the session.

This symbol edicates you will receive a separate handout from your supervisor of information the ecific your pet care center.

This symbol indicates that there is a hands-on activity for you to complete in your pet center using the material learned in the module.

This symbol indicates there are suggested shift tips to take on-the-job during your shift to continue the learning from the module.

This symbol indicates the area for you to write down questions you have 'r you supervisor from this module.

Personal Learning Journal

The chart below is a personal learning journal you can use to track your progress as you complete this course. The course is self-paced and each module builds on material presented earlier. It is important that you have a good understanding of the material presented in each module and are able to apply it when working with dogs before you proceed to viewing new material in the next module.

The Personal Learning Journal chart will help you track your progress regarding dates you complete the viewing of each module and hands-on activity. The journal also tracks your Evaluation score from each module with a goal of 80% to be achieved prior to proceeding to the next module your loud as have completed the hands-on activity and received either an *Excellent* or *Satisfactor* according from your supervisor. Finally, you should feel *Good* or *Very Confident* applying the bowledge and skills from the module to your job working with dogs. If you feel like another viewing of the module and more practice time would be helpful, then stop your progress and spend extra time with the careful.

Module	Viewing Date	Evaluation Score	Handley Accepts the Completed	Hands-on Activity Feedback	Are you able to apply to your job?
1 – Breed Behavior and Stages of Development					
2 – Play Behaviors		V			
3 – Leadership Part 1					
4 – Leadership Part 2	O				
5 – Leading Playgroups					
6 – Dogs in Stress					
7 – Dog-to-Dog agressio					
8 – Dog-to-Dog to tings					

Module 2: Play Behaviors Study Aids

Play Behaviors and Gestures

- Playbow
- Exaggerated, repetitive movements
- Lateral movements
- Low, slow wagging tail
- Relaxed, loose, curved bodies
- Balanced play



Dog Play Styles

• Chasing



• Cat-like



Neck Biting



Body-Slammi



Keys to Succe Matching Correct Playstyles









Playstyles are Fluid

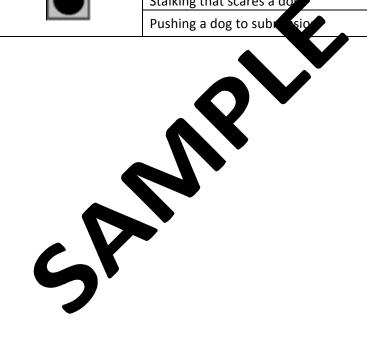




In each of the videos indicate one play tyle and appropriate play behavior:

Video 1:		
Play style:	Play behavior:	
Video 2:	X	
Play style:	Play behavior:	
Video 3:		
Play styl	Play behavior:	
Video 4:		
Play style:	Play hehavior:	

Management Signal	Play Gesture
	Play bow
	Lateral movements
	Exaggerated, repetitive movements
Good	Low, slow, wagging tail
	Neck biting play
	Cat-like play
	Balanced play
	Chase
	Pinning a dog and quickly releases
Yellow	Body-slamming play
\leq	Excessive barking
	Increase in arousal
	Rough play
	Mounting
	Stalking
	Head and chin over shoulders
(Part)	Pinning a dog with no release
No.	High arousal
	Bullying
	Play that is hurting or scaring a dog
	Stalking that scares a do
	Pushing a dog to subtasion



Module 2: Play Behaviors Evaluation

- 1. Which of the following is not a trait of dog play behaviors and gestures:
 - a. Relaxed and curved bodies
 - b. Exaggerated, repetitive movements
 - c. Forward and backward movements
 - d. Balanced play
- 2. When two dogs are neck biting and wrestling you want to see that play is between the dogs.
- 3. To keep play safe a game of chase should be limited to no more than
 - a. 1 minute
 - b. 2 minutes
 - c. 3 minutes
 - d. 5 minutes
- 4. Neck biting is a benign play style with lower risk of the ring out
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 5. Which two play styles have higher risk for over excitement or injuries?
 - a. Chasing and Cat-like
 - b. Neck biting and Cat-like
 - c. Chasing and Body Slammin,
 - d. Neck biting and Bray Shanmin,
- 6. Explain why the body damh splay style requires close monitoring and how you keep this type of play safe.

b.







Plav style

c.

a.

d.



Play style:



Play style:



Observe dogs playing in groups in your center and document instances of the following situations and your observations:

Play Situation	Dog Names and Breeds	Describe the Play
Body-slamming play		
Cat-like play		



Questions:



Shift Tips:

- 1. Observe dogs who have a chasing play style.
- 2. Observe dogs who have a neck biting play style.
- 3. Which of the four play styles is most common in your center today?

Update your progress in your Personal Leaves Hournal

Module 8: Dog to Dog Greetings Study Aids

Dog Greeting Behaviors

Polite	Rude
Indirect arcing approach	Direct head-on approach
Relaxed body posture	Stiff-legged posture
Gently wagging tail	Stiff straight tail carriage
Averted eyes (soft or squinting)	Direct staring
Muzzle-to-face greeting, moving down body	Muzzle over shoulders initially solds
Nose to rear circling	Not allowing rear sniffing
Equalizing body postures	Jump on dog
	Immediately barking in face

For each photo discussed during the teaching session, take notes below.





Body Language:



How's the Greeting?_____

Body Language:



How'	's the	Greeting?	
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Body Language:

For each photo below indicate how the dog-to-dog greeting is going and explain the canine body language that supports your answer.



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How's the Greeting?_____

Ho. the Greeting?

Body language:

Body Language:

Leader's Response to Greetings

- Watch for polite and rude geet g belonors
- Watch for body language
 - o Is it appropried loos and polite?
 - o Is it inapproperted tiff and rude?
- Be prepared to 11th logs away, split or redirect them as needed (even if they have met and played together efor

For each video indicate whether you would allow the greeting to continue & list any behaviors or body language you observe that concern you.

Video	Would you allow greeting to continue?	Behaviors or body language that concerns you?
1		
2		
3		
4		. 2

Temperament Test Goals

- Determine safety for staff and other dogs
- Assess greeting behavior and plantile
- Determine suitability for off plant props

Red Flag Answers

Screening Quest 1	Answer
Why are you binging playgroup?	Socialization
How old is your dog?	6 months to 2 years
Has your dog part with the er dogs?	No or Same ones since puppyhood
What does you dog then upset?	Gets grumpy

After 7 stipe

- Jocun ht test results
- Regimend introduction to daycare and playgroup assignment
- Notate key behavior and play information

Indicate the risk level of each dog pictured from low to high in regard to their risk in an off-leash playgroup by circling your answer. Low indicates they would play well with other dogs and enjoy it. High indicates they may not play well or enjoy group play.



8 month Dalmatian – Low or High



3 year Cane Color - High



8 ear old Shewerd Mix – Low or High



4 month Chihuahua Mix – Low or High

When avarage on't Work

- Grouplay is not right for every dog
- Dogs may not be suitable for several reasons
 - Shy and overwhelmed by group play
 - o Uncomfortable in a group of dogs
 - Over confident and does not listen to other dogs
 - Not a good fit for your playgroups
 - Aggressive behaviors

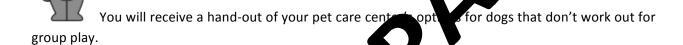
Communicating with Owners

- Clearly communicate that it is the environment that is inappropriate
- The dog is a great pet

Offer Alternatives

- Private play sessions with staff
- Behavior training
- Private field trips
- Another facility
- Dog walking
- Pet sitting

HANDOUT

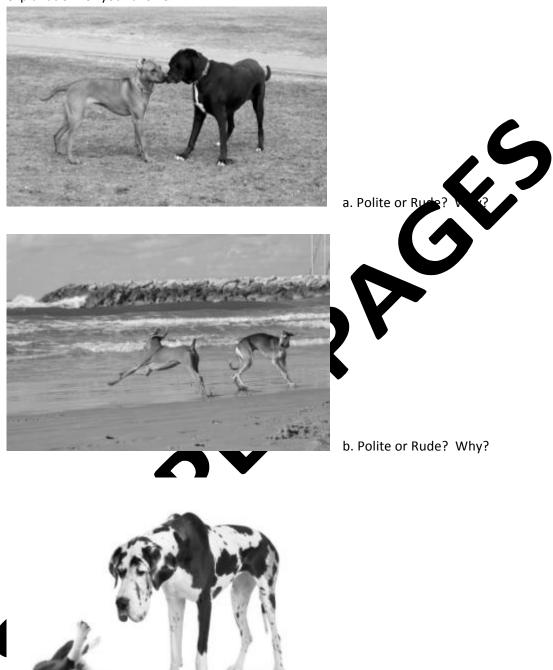


Module 8: Dog-to-Dog Greetings Evaluation

- 1. From the list below, select the rude greeting behavior.
 - a. Averted eyes
 - b. Gently wagging tail
 - c. Muzzle-to-face greeting
 - d. Stiff-legged posture
 - e. None of the above
- 2. Which of the following is **not** a goal of temperament testing dogs for play grap?
 - a. Evaluate the dog's communication skills
 - b. Assess a dog's play style
 - c. Determine if the dog will exhibit an aggressive display
 - d. Understand reasons owners want daycare or group play
- 3. Which are "red-flag" responses when screening applicant a for group play?
 - a. Coming for socialization
 - b. Plays in dog parks
 - c. Has never played with other dogs
 - d. A & C
 - e. B & C
- 4. Which of the following is a reason a dog trail the temperament test?
 - a. Shy overwhelmed by grap play
 - b. Over confident and does in vister to other dogs
 - c. Growls and snarls ace ring a test
 - d. A & B
 - e. All of the ab
- 5. If a dog fails the tem, rank at test there is never an option to meet the socialization goals of the owner for each
 - a. True
 - b. ans.



6. Review photos of dogs greeting below and indicate if the greeting is polite or rude. Provide an explanation for your answer.



c. Polite or Rude? Why?



d. Polite or New Why?

7. Review each case study and answer the questions that follow. Idicate if you think the dog should pass the temperament evaluation. Why or why not? We twould ou recommend on introducing the dog to the group or watch for during play group?

Case Study 1:

You are helping with the test of Sophie, an 8 year old week. The observe Sophie lip licking and sniffing the floor around the room. She does not have an interest engaging with any of the humans. You introduce Sophie to 3 dogs from your playgroups and she green politely and tolerates the interactions, but shows no interest in play. She continues to while stress signals and watches the door.

- a. If Sophie comes to playgroup when you watch for during play group?
- b. If Sophie does not play to me playgroup what option do you recommend to the owner?

Case Study 2:

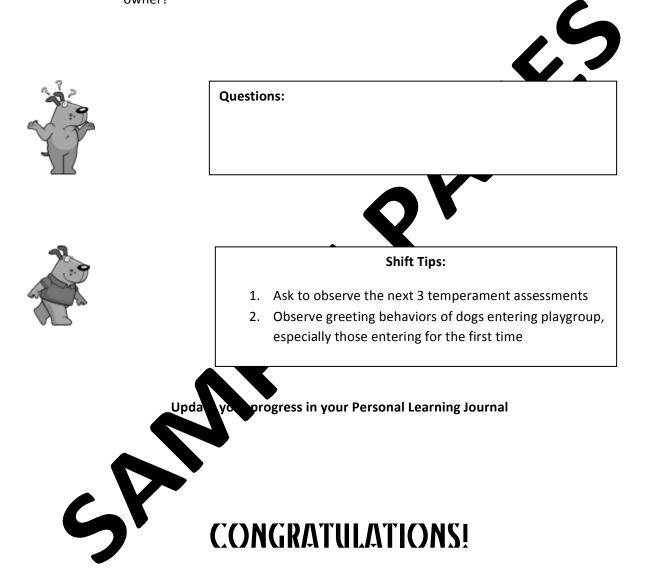
You are helping with the test of Box a 4 year old beagle. The owner wants socialization for Ben and decided to try daycas tax and an the dog park. When you introduce the existing dogs to Ben, you observe snarls from him other male dogs. All the greetings are very brief and you observe that the existing dogs to a compare him. You do not observe obvious signs of stress from Ben, but there is no engagement after that greetings with the other dogs.

- If then comes to playgroup— what would you watch for during play group?
- If Ben does not plan to come to playgroup what option do you recommend to the owner for socialization?

Case Study 3:

You are helping with the test of Obie, a 2 year old lab mix, that has not played with other dogs. During greetings with your group of dogs, Obie displays rude behaviors and gets many corrections from the dogs. You observe that he does begin to listen to their corrections.

- a. If Obie comes to playgroup what would you watch for during play group?
- b. If Obie does not plan to come to playgroup what option do you recommend to the owner?



You have completed the study and evaluation portions of Knowing Dogs: 201. After your supervisor reviews this module go on and take the post-course assessment. We hope you are pleased with the improvement in your score!