



## **WTD Temperament Assessment FAQ**

### **What is a temperament assessment?**

The assessment is a series of exercises designed to assess the dog's socialization level and determine if there is any aggression. These exercises ensure that new dogs will be able to play well with or be around others without posing danger to itself or others.

### **What happens during the test?**

Our trainers and handlers spend time with your dog to make sure they are comfortable in the facility and showing them the ropes. Once we know they are comfortable with us, we begin slowly introducing them to our dogs and then working them into a group.

Every dog is different. Some assessments can take just a few minutes while some need the full two hours or even a full day. We want you and your dog to have a positive experience their first time and we won't rush a dog that is shy or needs a little more time to open up.

### **Why does my dog need a temperament assessment?**

Dog safety is #1 at We Talk Dog. Our services aren't for every dog. Dogs that are overly fearful or show aggression would not be comfortable in our facility. We want to make sure that we are the right fit for your dog and they have a positive experience here. Dogs that attend daycare and boarding are in play groups.

By coming in for an evaluation, we will be able to know what group your dog will be comfortable with or advise you on ways to socialize your dog.

### **When can I schedule an assessment?**

Currently, our temperament assessments are conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8AM and 2PM. Owners leave their dog with us for about 2 hours at their scheduled appointment time. Once the assessment has concluded, you may come pick up your dog or leave them in daycare for the day.

### **What is required for the assessment?**

We Talk Dog requires all dogs to be current on Distemper, Bordetella and Rabies vaccinations. To participate in daycare and boarding, dogs over six months must be spayed or neutered, therefore, they must be for the temperament assessment.

Appointments are made by phone (205-588-4709) or email (reception@wetalkdog.com). We will schedule you for our next available appointment time or one that works with your schedule.

### **What do I need to bring for my appointment?**

- 1) Proof of vaccinations is sent via fax or email **prior** to your appointment. If your dog is not current, please have them vaccinated a minimum of 48 hours prior to their appointment.
- 2) A completed Owner Agreement and New Client Questionnaire sent in prior or brought in completed.

### **Does the assessment cost anything?**

There is no charge for the assessment. If you decide to leave your dog for daycare, a standard daycare charge will apply.

### **What if my dog isn't socialized or doesn't like other dogs?**

It depends. Our facility is like no other place. Some dogs act differently when their owners are around and are fine in the group while others are not phased by other dogs. This is why we require the assessment.

If your dog is nervous and needs more socialization, we will make recommendations to help overcome their hesitation or fear. If your dog is uncomfortable here, we may recommend a training option.

### **Do I still need to have an assessment if I have a puppy?**

Yes. While young puppies have not had the time to develop bad habits, we still need to have you and your puppy go through the process. You will also be able to see the facility and meet our team.