

## Dog Temperament Assessment

The process below is designed to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Give your dog a memory of arriving, staying and being picked up from Red Rover. This goes a long way in helping them avoid separation anxiety and settle in more quickly and comfortably.
2. Help us understand the "parents" and hear any concerns and/or answer questions.
3. Help us understand your dog in terms of their personality and tendencies. This will better ensure we place him/her in an appropriate play group.

Temperament assessment is complimentary and strongly recommended for all dogs who will board or attend daily PlayCare.

**FIRST VISIT\*** ... a Meet 'n Greet session where you and your dog visit Red Rover briefly to get a feel for the place and meet our staff. We'll also get the paperwork (Pet/Client profile) out of the way.

**SECOND VISIT\*** ... for a  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of PlayCare. Your dog will meet other dogs and spend time in a play group; most dogs settle in quickly and have fun during this initial visit. When you pick up your dog, he/she will now have an important memory of you returning to pick up him/her.

**\*NOTE:** Often, this is accomplished in one visit vs two.

**THIRD VISIT** ... it doesn't happen often, but sometimes dogs don't get comfortable during the initial play visit; they don't have a good time. If and when that happens, we suggest another visit (also complimentary) to achieve that comfort level we are looking for. The few times it has been recommended, the dogs have been MUCH more relaxed, happily interacted with the other dogs and had fun.