

WHAT DOES MY DOG NEED FOR A TEMPERAMENT TEST?

Vaccinations:

- Bordetella
- Distemper
- Canine Influenza
- Rabies

Paperwork:

- Playcare Application
- Petcare Agreement & Medical Release Form
- Customer Service Agreement & Liability Waiver
- Copy of Vaccinations – see above

All Paperwork is due 48 hours prior to your scheduled Temperament Test

TEMPERAMENT TEST

Monday – Friday
8am – 3pm
\$45

K-9 TO FIVE

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Become part of our pack!!!
Give us a call to schedule your
dog's test today!

Purpose of a Temperament Test

At K-9 to Five we perform a Temperament Test on each dog before they can join the K-9 to Five Playcare Pack. This test is to ensure that your dog enjoys the daycare setting and is able to handle the high energy and excitement that comes with the doggie daycare environment. The cost for a Temperament Test is \$45.

Why Do We Charge for a Temperament Test?

At K-9 to Five we schedule one of our trained handlers with any new dog who is being introduced to the K-9 to Five pack. This allows the new dog to safely explore and learn while always having the security of a handler nearby to help and guide them through their temperament test, so they don't have to manage that first day on their own.

What are we testing the dog for?

To ensure that new members to the K-9 to Five pack succeed during their visits to daycare there are certain skills we look for while we are testing each dog. The four main skills that help new members enjoy their stay in daycare are as follows:

- **Can take quiet breaks / Is not an excessive barker** – Excessive barking makes the daycare environment chaotic and can cause other members of the pack to become over stimulated or reactive.
- **Plays well with other dogs / Not a "Bully"** – If a dog is overly pushy or tries to dominate smaller dogs or dogs less confident than they are it can create a stressful environment for the dogs who are being "bullied" (chased down, rolled over, cornered, dominated, mounted)
- **Knows Name and will return to handlers if called** – If a dog does not know their name or cannot be recalled to a handler when they are off leash, it can cause safety issues when playing in a group of 15+ pack members.
- **Likes the daycare setting / Not too scared or anxious** – For some dogs, the high energy and excitement of the dog daycare setting can be overwhelming and scary. If a dog seems to not enjoy the daycare environment or if they are too scared of new humans and dogs this can cause unnecessary distress. Not every dog is a "daycare dog".

When Do We Do Temperament Testing?

At K-9 to Five we conduct one Temperament Test per day, at 8am, Mondays through Fridays. During the test, our staff will evaluate the applicant and determine what we believe to be the best plan going forward for the dog's assimilation and enjoyment. At the end of the test every dog goes home with an evaluation sheet that lets the owner know how the test went: what the dog enjoyed, what they may have struggled with, and what type of daycare visits we suggest in order for them to be most successful.

Some dogs take more time to adapt than others and other dogs may not display their full personality on test day. For this reason, we require 5 follow up visits within 30 days of your dog's Temperament Test to make sure your dog has comfortably assimilated. Your dog's handler will recommend the best course of action.