



A FAIR SHARE

a.k.a.... Gettin' downright sociable at your local kennels and cattery.

Canine cavorting (otherwise known as "socializing")

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 [socializing](#) between our many different canine boarders whenever reasonably possible. We 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-or-more-daily [romps in our play yards](#), we would like you to consider allowing us to take advantage of any opportunities we see develop for a friendly, shared, socializing 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 and socialize 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.

Feline friendliness (otherwise known as... "socializing" too!)

Did you know that cats sometimes LOVE a little socialising too?! Well, it's true! Admittedly, not as many nor as often as our gregarious canines, but those more socially inclined kitty-kats are definitely out there (maybe yours?!). And so, everything you've just read above about cavorting canines can apply to your friendly felines too, and if you're interested in exploring that with us, just talk to us about it when booking your stay or on the day of arrival. Give it a thought! Give it a go!

Taking cavorting to the next level ~ Buddy-Boarding

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 Buddy-Boarding, 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.

Oh, wait! One more thing! Yes, this can sometimes (but of course less often) be a great thing for cats too. Give it a think. Have a chat with us. And, well, maybe, just maybe... :-)

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 Buddy-Board during their stay with us. And they get the Buddy-Boarding discount too! Now how's *that* for gettin' sociable?!