



DOGS AND PLAY !

You know when you go to a party, that you didn't really want to go too, but you're expected to get along with everyone, even if they give you the ick !

Well dogs can feel like that too ! Some dogs love to play, others prefer to watch or just sit on your lap, lay in the sun or just chill out with their humans !

Its important to remember, a dog can be 'social' without playing with other dogs. Every dog is different and their 'sociability often changes as they age.

Whilst early 'habituation' and 'exposure' is crucial, your dog doesn't need to meet every dog and person. They may not even want too ! And that's ok !

If your dog does love to play, its important to understand there are differing 'play styles' and some dogs are more compatible than others. Some like to jump, run, some play looks like a boxing match and others roll around on the ground making the strangest of noises !

Its also important to realise your dog may act differently towards other dogs when they are on lead. Some dogs can feel restricted and and if they are forced to interact or aren't given space they can become uncomfortable and can even react.

Ultimately, having a good understanding and respect for your dogs body language will keep your dog safe, and others too.

If unsure, reach out to your breeder or qualified dog trainer.

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