

Why Dashing Dogs Requires Trials for new Boarders

At Dashing Dogs, the wellbeing of every dog in our care always comes first. Whether they're joining us for day care or a longer boarding stay, we want every dog to feel relaxed, safe, and happy in our home environment.

That's why we require all new boarders to complete an overnight and full day care trial before confirming a longer stay. These trials help us assess a number of important factors to ensure that your dog — and ours — have the best possible experience together.

What Is an Overnight and Full Day Care Trial?

This trial is a short stay that includes both daytime care and an overnight component. It gives your dog a gentle introduction to our routine, surroundings, and other dogs. For us, it's a valuable opportunity to get to know your dog's personality, habits, and comfort levels in a new setting.

It's also important to note that overnight trials don't always work out — and that's okay. Some dogs simply find it difficult to settle in a new environment, no matter how lovely they are at home.

Owners should be prepared for the possibility that their dog's behaviour at Dashing Dogs may be quite different from what they see in familiar surroundings. Our goal is always to make an honest, thoughtful assessment based on what's best for your dog's wellbeing.

Why We Do These Trials

1. For Your Dog's Comfort and Wellbeing

Every dog is different. Some settle quickly, while others need time to adjust. A trial stay allows us to see how your dog eats, sleeps, relaxes, and socialises. This helps us make sure they'll feel confident and at ease during longer stays.

2. To Assess Behaviour, Compatibility, and Toilet Training

We maintain a calm, structured environment, so it's important that every dog feels comfortable here. During the trial, we assess:

- General behaviour and temperament
- How they interact with other dogs
- Adequate toilet training and hygiene indoors
- How they respond to walks, rest time, and household routines
- Signs of stress, anxiety, or reactivity

Toilet training is an essential part of this process. While we understand that accidents can occasionally happen — especially in new surroundings — dogs boarding with us must demonstrate consistent toilet training to maintain a clean, comfortable environment for everyone.

This ensures our home is a good fit for your dog — and that your dog feels secure and happy in our care.

3. To Understand Day Care and Boarding Habits

Some dogs are seasoned boarders, while others are new to the experience. The trial helps us observe how they handle routine changes, being away from home, and sleeping overnight in a new environment. This insight allows us to tailor care to their individual needs.

4. For the Safety and Wellbeing of All Dogs (and Humans!)

Every dog in our care deserves a peaceful, happy experience. Requiring a minimum standard of behaviour, socialisation, and toilet training ensures safety and harmony — for your dog, our resident dogs, and for us as carers and business owners.

5. To Build Trust and Confidence

These trials also help build a foundation of trust. You'll know your dog is comfortable in our care, and we'll know exactly how to make their time with us positive and stress-free.

In Summary

Our overnight and full day care trials are an essential part of providing the best possible care at Dashing Dogs. They ensure that every dog who stays with us is safe, settled, and happy — and that our home remains a calm and positive space for all.

Sometimes a trial may reveal that boarding isn't the right fit for a particular dog, and that's perfectly fine. What matters most is finding the right care environment where your dog can truly thrive.

Because when it comes to caring for dogs, we believe in doing things the right way — with patience, understanding, and lots of love. ❤️