

SINGLE OR MULTIPLE DOG FAMILY?

Often we're asked "Is it really easier to have more than one dog in a household?" Not surprisingly there's no one answer. The decision to bring home another dog is often a decision between no companionship for most of the daylight hours, due to family members being at work and school, and constant companionship. And, because dogs are highly social creatures, dogs in isolation are not usually happy. It's hard on social creatures not to live with their co-species, or not have any social co-species interaction.

There are a couple general rules that will assist in selecting the proper canine friend for your current dog.

- Activity similarity is much more important than breed similarity. Look for dogs which have similar exercise capacities and like to do similar things. A dog who's quiet, shy, and timid and a dog who likes a lot of activity will have a challenge finding common ground. It will be hard if the dogs have different interest and ideas of a good time. A dog who likes to romp through the woods for hours, and a dog who simply enjoys playing fetch for five minutes and then wants back on the couch means you're doing to have some difficulties satisfying the instincts of both. It make catering to your dogs' needs very time consuming.
- Similar age doesn't matter as much as similar health status. A lot of people ask us if bringing a puppy or young dog into the house will "spunk" up their older dog. Well, it depends on what your older dog is up for. An older dog can get revitalized by the younger dog only if the older dog is not sickly or slow with arthritic pains. If the older dog suffers from sickness or arthritic pain the younger dog might only cause the older dog a great deal of stress. You can't turn an arthritic ridden pet, in pain, into a frisky young one just because a new dog has lots of energy.

Daycare is another good social interaction answer for your four legged kids. At Ms C's we conduct personality profile for each of our guest, pairing like/like size and temperament to accommodate a wonderful day of fun and entertainment for each individual preference. Call us today.