

The Group Leader's Promise:



"This is MY group. As a LEADER, I set the RULES for my GROUP. The group does not HAPPEN to me. I have CLARITY on the rules, and I UPHOLD them."



RULES of the GAME for TEAM MEMBERS

I bring MY BEST every day



DO NOT BOTHER dogs who are LAYING, PEEING, or POOPING. Watch where you are going.

DON'T MOB ME. DON'T MOB MY INTRO.

UP OVER is RUDE

BARKING is NOT permitted.



My GOAL is to get US ALL to where I don't need to remind you of the rules. This REQUIRES CLARITY & CONSISTENT handling.



If I give AFFECTION to another dog, DO NOT PUSH BETWEEN US.

I watch for AROUSAL to CREEP up with my dogs. I LOWER arousal at every opportunity.

BALANCED, WIGGLY PLAY is permitted, even if it's grumbly.



I ASK and THEN I TEACH. I will always be more STUBBORN than the DOG.

Every DOG can EXPECT me to LEAD them, PROTECT them, ADVOCATE for them, & APPRECIATE them. Each DOG can also expect me to CORRECT, DISMISS, & EXCLUDE (within my group) BEHAVIORS that are not aligned with the expectations for my group.

I must always be thinking, "HOW can I get MORE DOGS OUT?" Don't be RIGID. Be FLUID.

The SPEED LIMIT is 35.

Not 65. Not 95. Not 105.

You CAN go 5, if you'd like.



You are WELCOME to LAY by my GATE...UNTIL I need it, then back off & give me SPACE.



SPACE is IMPORTANT to dogs.

Therefore, it is IMPORTANT to ME.

ANTICIPATION is the name of MY game. NOT yours.



I CONTROL every DOG in the GROUP.

If I DON'T, I work until I DO.

MARKING is NOT TOLERATED. You get 2 chances to PEE.

After that, you are a JERK. YOU are on my RADAR.

I DEMONSTRATE SMOOTH, but CERTAIN control.

KINDNESS and RELATIONSHIP trumps dominance.

I EXPECT there to be a SMALL level of CHAOS in the early stages of GROUP & INTROS. I am ON MY GAME & ACTIVE, setting the TONE for HOW the group will operate & what will be tolerated. Dogs SETTLE after the initial burst of energy.



PUSHY, BRATTY BEHAVIOR goes LAST.

My RADAR is REAL. I FORGIVE easily, but I do NOT FORGET.

