



Yappy Hour Sensory Experience

Purpose: Great for dogs that are a little unsure around other dogs or are learning to enjoy the company of dogs. To give dogs who are not appropriate to attend playgroup an opportunity to explore their environment and interact with people comfortably in the presence of other dogs. This on-leash activity replicates a typical social setting a dog might be in once adopted to help prepare them for life outside of the shelter.

Where: Any space, inside or out, that provides enough distance for the dogs to safely explore the environment, puzzle toys or chews, and be able to settle while in proximity to another dog.

Materials:

- A couple of chairs and a table
- A grassy space and a picnic blanket
- Puzzle toys & treats

Method: Bring dogs (on leash) to the chosen location. Provide the dogs with puzzle toys or engage them in a training game. Once the dogs are relaxed or settled down, the handlers can disengage and begin chatting as if at a social gathering.*

Time Commitment: Up to 20-25 minutes.

*If dogs aren't able to settle discontinue the session