|  | **Green** | **Yellow** | **Red** |
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| **Walking to Playgroup** | Loose leash | Intermittently listening to walking routine  Pulling | Jumping on handler and/or leash  Inability to focus  Vocalization, reactivity  Redirection to handler/leash  Fixation with other dogs and/or history of dog-conflict  Avoiding play yards (displacement sniffing) |
| **Breaks during Play** | Frequent breaks, dogs seek re-engagement | Sometimes | Never |
| **Ability to Listen to Dogs Say No** | Yes | Ignoring other dog’s cut-off signals sometimes | Never  Escalates when communicated to |
| **Observed Behavior in the Yard** | * Loose curved body * Relaxed mouths and faces * Relaxed tails and body postures * Play bows with bent elbows * Inhibited mouthing * Self-handicapping * Seeking proximity to players * Exaggerated movements * Playgrowls and vocalizations that are not excessive * Parallel engagement * Space between dogs during parallel running | * Tense body posture * Lip licks * Hackles raised * One dog backed into the corner * Continued lingering/sniffing, esp around the muzzle * Chin overs * Paw overs * Mounting * Single air snap * Displacement behaviors * Chest butting or vertical play * Grabbing, holding, or pulling on skin | * Hiding, tail tucked * Avoiding interactions, seeking high surfaces * At the gate looking to leave * Tense forward body posture, high tail, does not disengage on own * Stiff body and full body hackles * Lunging * Hard staring * Growling, snarling, snapping * Pinning others down, does not disengage on own * Escalation in vocalization, tonality, and frequency * Escalates to making contact * Breaking skin |
| **Next Steps** | Maintain playgroup or approved playgroup partners | Reassess playgroup partners  May consider providing alternative enrichment | Playgroup break if avoidance occurs, provide alternative enrichment, re-assessment  Playgroup removal if aggression occurs, provide alternative enrichment |