



The best time to identify a dog that will not cope within the class environment is **before they enrol**.

All dogs determined to be unsuitable for Foundation/Junior Foundation Class must be referred to info@schoolfordogs.com.au so that they can receive the help that they need.

The most common behaviour that will rule a dog out of Foundation Class is “dog reactivity”. This means that, for any number of reasons, the dog will lunge, pull, bark/vocalise, or otherwise become highly stimulated by the presence of another dog. (They may be friendly or unfriendly, over-excited, frustrated, or afraid.) Regardless of the cause, these dogs should not be in class if they can’t work safely.

Use the following questions as a rough guideline to determine class suitability.

1. Does your dog bark, lunge, or act fearful when it sees another dog when it is on a lead?
A. **YES:** go to question 2.
B. **NO:** your dog will most likely be suitable for class
2. Does your dog play well with dogs it doesn’t know when off a lead?
A. **YES:** Go to question 3
B. **NO:** this dog is not suitable for class. Contact info@schoolfordogs.com.au
3. Can you distract your dog from barking at other dogs when it is on lead with food or toys?
A. **YES,** very easily: *this dog is suitable for class with distance and visual barriers.*
B. **SOMETIMES,** it depends: *this dog is needs to be assess prior to class. Contact info@schoolfordogs.com.au*
C. **NO,** I can’t distract the dog with anything: *this dog is not suitable for class. Contact info@schoolfordogs.com.au*

If you are unsure about the suitability of dogs for your classes, please be in contact with School for Dogs Head Office. This is for your own safety, your dogs, and other members of the public.

If dogs display extreme fear – shaking, hunched over, shut down – Contact info@schoolfordogs.com.au

Refer body handling issues, resource guarding, dog/human/chid directed aggression or fears to Head trainers.

We reserve the right to ask dogs to leave class who are not suitable. We are happy to give further advice.