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Here at Camp Brainy Dog, when any new dog arrives I bring everyone else in the house and let the new dog get comfortable with the new surroundings, then let the dog with the best etiquette out into a fenced area next to the fenced area of the new dog. I want to see how they do off-leash or better yet on a loose leash at the fence first.

You can set this type of situation up several ways with both dogs on leash of opposite sides of the fence. Don't let the leash get tight, leash needs to be drooping down so it does not cause more tension on the dogs. The leash is just for emergency, but I want the dog to think they are off leash. Start far enough away, that you can get each dog to pay attention to the human. High value treats are a great way to get a dogs attention.

Have someone walk each dog on opposite sides of the fence and do come tricks, sit, down heel, whatever they know, so most of their attention is on the humans, not the dog. This can let you dogs know you have everything under control.

I'd rather error on the side of caution, so I try to have a garden hose charged and ready to go incase dogs try to get snippy or fight. I even pay attention to what time day it is. The real reason your checking is to see if they'll fight. If it goes to fight is a Vet open or are you looking at emergency Sunday after 5:00 care? (probably won't happen, but might as well do it early on a week day if possible.)

Sounds like a lot of work, but you want to teach the dogs to not charge the fence like a buffalo every time they see a dog so the first time is worth the effort.

Make your way closer and closer to the fence, still having dogs pay attention to you. and do your best to arrive at the fence before the dog. So when dog is under control you are already there.

Watch for nice "even with their backs" tail wags and sniffs. Watch for a request from your dog to open the gate for them. If they are stiff and are holding their tail straight over their backs, not a good time to open the gate. Just get a lawn chair kick back and let them check each other out for maybe 20 or 30 minutes. Once they are not excited and if they are happy, that's when I let them together.

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