1. **The Basic Game**

Red Dog is usually played with a multi-deck shoe, and is also called “Acey-Deucey”, or “Between the Sheets”.

After the players bet, the dealer deals out two cards. If the cards are adjacent, that is, 23, 34, ... , KA, then the hand is a push.

If not, the dealer deals a third card, and you win if the third card value falls strictly between the other two, with special rules if the first two cards form a pair.

Before the third card is dealt, you have the option of raising, that is, doubling your bet.

2. **Pay-outs**

- First Cards a pair (no raise allowed), third card matches pays 11 to 1
- First Cards a pair (no raise allowed), third card does not match, is a push
- Spread 1 pays 5 to 1
- Spread 2 pays 4 to 1
- Spread 3 pays 2 to 1
- Spread 4 to 11 pays 1 to 1 (even money)

3. **Strategy**
With these rules, it is a good bet to raise when the spread is 7 to 11, which is approximately 18% of the time.

4. House Percentage

Assuming an infinite number of decks, the house percentage on the first bet is approximately 7.60%. When using the above strategy, the overall house percentage becomes 2.60%. This rises slightly to about 3% in a single-deck game.