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**PUPPY APTITUDE TEST** 

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Puppy (color, sex)

litter date

TEAT		DUDEOGE	SCORE 1	-
TEST		PURPOSE	SCORE Came readily, tail up,	1
SOCIAL ATTRACTION  Place puppy in test area about for tester. Tester kneels, leans back the pup to her/him by clapping here.	four feet from the kwards and coaxes	Degree of social attraction to people, confidence, or dependence. Pack Drive.	jumped, bit at hands. Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands.	2
			Came readily, tail up.	(3
			Came readily, tail down	4
			Came hesitantly, tall down.	5
			Didn't come at all.	6
FOLLOWING  The tester stands up and slowly walks a encouraging the puppy to follow. Make sees you walk away. Coax puppy to follow it and attracting its attention.	y walks away w. Make sure the pup py to follow by talking	Willingness to follow a person. Pack Drive.	Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot, bit at feet.	1
			Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot.	2
			Followed readily, tail up	(3)
			Followed readily, tail down.	4
			Followed hesitantly, tail down.	5
			Did not follow or went away.	6
RESTRAINT  The tester crouches down and gently rolls the ts back and holds it down with light pressure one hand for 30 seconds.  QUE Contact	gently rolls the pup or light pressure with	submissive tendency, and ease of handling in	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit.	1
			Struggled fiercely, flalled.	2
			Settled, struggled, settled with some eye contact.	3
			Struggled then settled.	4
			No struggle, no eye contact.	5
			No struggle, straining to avoid eye contact.	6
		Degree of acceptance of social dominance by a person.	Jumped, pawed, bit, growled.	1
OCIAL DOMINANCE			Jumped, pawed.	2
Puppy sits or stands on crouching and tester gently strokes it from	ing tester's left side m the head to back,		and tried to lick face.	3
			Squirmed, licked at hands.	<b>(4)</b>
		Pack Drive.	Rolled over, licked at hands.	5
			Went away and stayed away.	6

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ELEVATION DOMINANCE			Struggled fiercely, tried to bite.	1
ELLIATION DOMINANCE		Degree of accepting	Struggled fiercely.	2
The tester cradles the pup und hands, fingers interlaced, palm	er its chest, with both s up and gently lifts it	dominance while in position of no control.	Struggled, settled, struggled, settled.	3
two feet off the ground, and he	lds it there for 30	Fight or Flight Drive.	No struggle, relaxed.	(4)
seconds.			No struggle, body stiff.	5
	tust wife	5 <del>1/1</del>	No struggle, froze.	6
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RETRIEVING  The tester crouches beside the attention with a crumpled up p the pup shows some interest, in paper no more than four feet in encouraging it to retrieve the p	iece of paper. When the tester tosses the n front of the pup,	Degree of willingness to do something for you. Together with social attraction and following, a key indicator for ease or difficulty in training. Prey Drive.	Chased object, picked it up and ran away.	1
			Chased object, stood over it, and did not return.	2
			Chased object, picked it up and returned with it to tester.	3
			Chased object and returned without it to tester.	4
			Started to chase object, lost interest.	5
			Did not chase object.	6
TOUCH SENSITIVITY			8-10 counts before response.	1
The tester locates the webbing front paws and presses it light finger and thumb, The tester of	y between his index	Degree of sensitivity to touch and a key	6-7 counts before response.	2
pressure while counting to 10 when the puppy pulls away or	and stops the pressure		5-6 counts before response.	3
* Do <b>not</b> use your fingernail w test. Press between the finger then more firmly until you get	and thumb lightly	1-524	2-4 counts before response.	4
			2-3 counts before response.	(3)
SOUND SENSITIVITY  The puppy is placed in the cen and an assistant stationed at t sharp noise, such as banging a bottom of a metal pan.	ter of the testing area the perimeter makes a	Degree of sensitivity to sound. (Also a rudimentary test for deafness.)  Prey Drive.	Listened, located sound, walked toward it barking.	1
			Listened, located sound, barked.	2
			Listened, located sound, showed curiosity and walked toward sound.	3
			Listened, located the sound.	4
			Cringed, backed off, hid.	5
			Ignored sound, showed no curiosity.	6

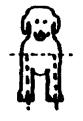
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			Looked, attacked and bit.	1
SIGHT SENSITIVITY The puppy is placed in the cent The tester ties a string around	ter of the testing area. a bath towel and	moving object, such as chasing bicycles,	Looked, barked and tail up.	2
			Looked curiously, attempted to	3
jerks it across the floor two fee	t away from puppy.	Prey Drive.	investigate. Looked, barked, tail- tuck.	4
100			Ran away, hid.	5
			Looked and ran to the umbrella, mouthing or biting it.	1
STABILITY  An umbrella is opened about fi puppy and gently placed on the Uerry Round	ve feet from the	Degree of startle response to a strange object.	Looked and walked to the umbrella, smelling it cautiously.	2
			Looked and went to investigate.	3
		Fight and Flight Drive.	Sat and tooked, but did not move toward the umbrella.	4
			Ran away from the umbrella.	5
			Showed no interest.	6
STRUCTURE The puppy is gently set and he	ld in a natural stance		The puppy is correct in structure.	good
and evaluated for structure in categories:	the following		The puppy has a slight	
Straight front		Degree of structural soundness.	fault or deviation.	fair
<ul> <li>Straight rear</li> </ul>		Good structure is		
Shoulder lay back		necessary.		
<ul> <li>Front angulation</li> </ul>			The puppy has an	
Croup angulation			extreme fault or deviation.	poor
<ul> <li>Rear angulation (see diagram below)</li> </ul>				
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Straight front



Straight rear



Shoulder layback



Front angulation



Croup angulation



Rear angulation

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