## PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

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Puppy (color, sex)	litter	date	

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SOCIAL ATTRACTION  Place puppy in test area about four feet from the tester. Tester kneels, leans backwards and coaxe the pup to her/him by clapping hands gently.	Degree of social attraction to people, confidence, or	SCORE  Came readily, tall up, jumped, bit at hands.  Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands.  Came readily, tail up.  Came readily, tail down  Came hesitantly, tail down.  Didn't come at all.	1 2 (3
FOLLOWING  The tester stands up and slowly walks away encouraging the puppy to follow. Make sure the psees you walk away. Coax puppy to follow by talk to it and attracting its attention.	Willingness to follow a person. up ing Pack Drive.	Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot, bit at feet.  Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot.  Followed readily, tail up  Followed readily, tail down.  Followed hesitantly, tail down.  Did not follow or went away.	1 2 3 4 5
RESTRAINT  The tester crouches down and gently rolls the pulits back and holds it down with light pressure with one hand for 30 seconds.		Struggled fiercely, flalled, bit.	3 3 4 5
SOCIAL DOMINANCE  Puppy sits or stands on crouching tester's left sid and tester gently strokes it from the head to back Continue stroking until a recognizable behavior is established.	person.	Jumped, pawed, bit, growled. Jumped, pawed. Cuddled up to tester and tried to lick face. Squirmed, licked at hands. Rolled over, licked at hands. Went away and stayed away.	1 2 3 4 5 6

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Developed by Jack and Wendy Volhard © Wendy Volhard 2003 2/3 Struggled fiercely, tried 1 to bite. ELEVATION DOMINANCE Degree of accepting Struggled fiercely. 2 The tester cradles the pup under its chest, with both dominance while in Struggled, settled, hands, fingers interlaced, palms up and gently lifts it position of no control. 3 struggled, settled. two feet off the ground, and holds it there for 30 74) No struggle, relaxed. Fight or Flight Drive. seconds. No struggle, body stiff. 5 No struggle, froze. 6 Chased object, picked it 1 up and ran away. Chased object, stood over it, and did not 2 Degree of willingness to RETRIEVING return. do something for you, Together with social Chased object, picked it The tester crouches beside the pup and attracts its attraction and following, 3 up and returned with it attention with a crumpled up piece of paper. When a key indicator for ease to tester. the pup shows some interest, the tester tosses the or difficulty in training. Chased object and paper no more than four feet in front of the pup, returned without it to 4 encouraging it to retrieve the paper. Prey Drive. tester. Started to chase object. 5 lost interest. Did not chase object. 6 8-10 counts before 1 TOUCH SENSITIVITY response. The tester locates the webbing of one of the puppy's 6-7 counts before 2 front paws and presses it lightly between his index Degree of sensitivity to response. finger and thumb. The tester gradually increases touch and a key pressure while counting to 10 and stops the pressure indicator to the type of 5-6 counts before 3 when the puppy pulls away or shows discomfort. training equipment response. required. \* Do **not** use your fingernail when performing this 2-4 counts before 4 test. Press between the finger and thumb lightly response. Z Sec then more firmly until you get a response. 2-3 counts before 5 response. Listened, located sound, walked toward 1 it barking. Listened, located 2 sound, barked. SOUND SENSITIVITY Degree of sensitivity to Listened, located sound. (Also a sound, showed The puppy is placed in the center of the testing area rudimentary test for 3 curiosity and walked and an assistant stationed at the perimeter makes a deafness.) toward sound. sharp noise, such as banging a metal spoon on the Listened, located the bottom of a metal pan. Prey Drive. 4 sound. Cringed, backed off, 5 hid. Ignored sound, showed 6 no curiosity.



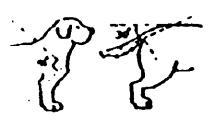
		Looked, attacked and bit.	1
SIGHT SENSITIVITY	moving object, such as	Looked, barked and tail up.	2
The puppy is placed in the center of the testing area. The tester ties a string around a bath towel and jerks it across the floor two feet away from puppy.	children or squirreis.	Looked curiously, attempted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

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Straight front

Straight rear

Shoulder layback

Front angulation

Croup angulation

Rear angulation