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PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

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Puppy (color, sex)	litter	date
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TEST	PURPOSE	SCORE	#
Place puppy in test area about four feet from the tester. Tester kneels, leans backwards and coaxes	Degree of social attraction to people, confidence, or dependence. Pack Drive.	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 (3) 4 5
FOLLOWING The tester stands up and slowly walks away encouraging the puppy to follow. Make sure the pup sees you walk away. Coax puppy to follow by talking to it and attracting its attention.	Willingness to follow a person.	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 6
The tester crouches down and gently rolls the pup or	Degree of dominance or submissive tendency, and ease of handling in	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit. Struggled fiercely, flailed. Settled, struggled, settled with some eye contact. Struggled then settled. No struggle, no eye contact. No struggle, straining to avoid eye contact.	2 3 4 5 6
Puppy sits or stands on crouching tester's left side and tester gently strokes it from the head to back.	Degree of acceptance of social dominance by a person, Pack Drive,	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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THE WATTON DOMENANCE		Struggled fiercely, tried to bite.	1
ELEVATION DOMINANCE	Degree of accepting	Struggled fiercely.	2
The tester cradles the pup under its chest, with both hands, fingers interlaced, palms up and gently lifts it	dominance while in position of no control.	Struggled, settled, struggled, settled.	3
two feet off the ground, and holds it there for 30	Fight or Flight Drive.	No struggle, relaxed.	
seconds.		No struggle, body stiff.	5
		No struggle, froze.	6_
	Degree of willingness to do something for you. Together with social attraction and following, a key indicator for ease	Chased object, picked it up and ran away.	1
RETRIEVING		return.	2
The tester crouches beside the pup and attracts its attention with a crumpled up piece of paper. When the pup shows some interest, the tester tosses the		Chased object, picked it up and returned with it to tester.	3
paper no more than four feet in front of the pup, encouraging it to retrieve the paper.		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 of one of the puppy's front paws and presses it lightly between his index finger and thumb. The tester gradually increases	Degree of sensitivity to touch and a key indicator to the type of	6-7 counts before response.	2
pressure while counting to 10 and stops the pressure when the puppy pulls away or shows discomfort.		5-6 counts before response.	(3)
* Do not use your fingernail when performing this test. Press between the finger and thumb lightly		2-4 counts before response.	4
then more firmly until you get a response.		response. 5-6 counts before response. 2-4 counts before response. 2-3 counts before response. Listened, located sound, walked toward it barking. Listened, located	5
		sound, walked toward	1
COUND SENSITIVITY		sound, barked.	2
SOUND SENSITIVITY The puppy is placed in the center of the testing are and an assistant stationed at the perimeter makes sharp noise, such as banging a metal spoon on the		Listened, located sound, showed curiosity and walked toward sound.	3
bottom of a metal pan.		Listened, located the sound.	4
		Cringed, backed off, hid.	5
		Ignored sound, showed no curiosity.	6

SIGHT SENSITIVITY The puppy is placed in the center of the testing area. The tester ties a string around a bath towel and	moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels.	Looked, attacked and bit.	1
		Looked, barked and tail up.	2
		Looked curiously, attempted to Investigate.	3
	Prey Drive.	Looked, barked, tail- tuck.	4
		Ran away, hid.	5
STABILITY		Looked and ran to the umbrella, mouthing or biting it.	1
	Degree of startle response to a strange	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.	object.	Looked and went to investigate.	3
puppy and gently placed on the ground.	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	Good structure is		
Shoulder lay back	necessary.		
Front angulation		The puppy has an extreme fault or	poor
Croup angulation		deviation.	Poor
Rear angulation (see diagram below)			

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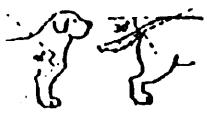




Straight rear



Shoulder lavback



Front angulation



Croup angulation



Rear anoulation