

PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

This score sheet has been prepared for the convenience of those who have
Dog Training For Dummies by Jack & Wendy Volhard (IDG Books, 2001),
 which contains the information necessary for accurate results
 and the correct interpretation of the scores.

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Puppy (color, sex) Mobamba white litter M Magic date 6/29/20

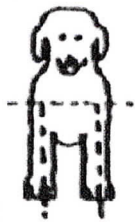
TEST	PURPOSE	SCORE	#
SOCIAL ATTRACTION Place puppy in test area about four feet from the tester. Tester kneels, leans backwards and coaxes the pup to her/him by clapping hands gently.	Degree of social attraction to people, confidence, or dependence. Pack Drive.	Came readily, tail up, jumped, bit at hands.	1
		Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands.	2
		Came readily, tail up.	3
		Came readily, tail down	4
		Came hesitantly, tail down.	5
		Didn't come at all.	6
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. 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 pup on its back and holds it down with light pressure with one hand for 30 seconds.	Degree of dominance or submissive tendency, and ease of handling in difficult situations. Fight or Flight Drive.	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit.	1
		Struggled fiercely, flailed.	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
SOCIAL DOMINANCE Puppy sits or stands on crouching tester's left side and tester gently strokes it from the head to back. Continue stroking until a recognizable behavior is established.	Degree of acceptance of social dominance by a person. Pack Drive.	Jumped, pawed, bit, growled.	1
		Jumped, pawed.	2
		Cuddled up to tester and tried to lick face.	3
		Squirmed, licked at hands.	4
		Rolled over, licked at hands.	5
		Went away and stayed away.	6

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SIGHT SENSITIVITY 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. <i>curious, hesitant</i>	Degree of response to a moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels. Prey Drive.	<table><tr><td>Looked, attacked and bit.</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Looked, barked and tail up.</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Looked curiously, attempted to investigate.</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Looked, barked, tail-tuck.</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Ran away, hid.</td><td>5</td></tr></table>	Looked, attacked and bit.	1	Looked, barked and tail up.	2	Looked curiously, attempted to investigate.	3	Looked, barked, tail-tuck.	4	Ran away, hid.	5		
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STABILITY An umbrella is opened about five feet from the puppy and gently placed on the ground. <i>startled, located, went away</i>	Degree of startle response to a strange object. Fight and Flight Drive.	<table><tr><td>Looked and ran to the umbrella, mouthing or biting it.</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Looked and walked to the umbrella, smelling it cautiously.</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Looked and went to investigate.</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Sat and looked, but did not move toward the umbrella.</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Ran away from the umbrella.</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Showed no interest.</td><td>6</td></tr></table>	Looked and ran to the umbrella, mouthing or biting it.	1	Looked and walked to the umbrella, smelling it cautiously.	2	Looked and went to investigate.	3	Sat and looked, but did not move toward the umbrella.	4	Ran away from the umbrella.	5	Showed no interest.	6
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STRUCTURE The puppy is gently set and held in a natural stance and evaluated for structure in the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Straight front• Straight rear• Shoulder lay back• Front angulation• Croup angulation• Rear angulation (see diagram below)	Degree of structural soundness. Good structure is necessary.	<table><tr><td>The puppy is correct in structure.</td><td>good</td></tr><tr><td>The puppy has a slight fault or deviation.</td><td>fair</td></tr><tr><td>The puppy has an extreme fault or deviation.</td><td>poor</td></tr></table>	The puppy is correct in structure.	good	The puppy has a slight fault or deviation.	fair	The puppy has an extreme fault or deviation.	poor						
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Shoulder layback



Front angulation



Croup angulation



Rear angulation

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