## **PUPPY APTITUDE TEST**

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کو	Puppy (color, sex)litter		date	
å,	TEST	PURPOSE	SCORE	#
and the series	This score sheet has been prepared  **Dog Training For Dummies by Jack**  which contains the information and the correct interest and the correct	Degree of social attraction to people, confidence, or dependence. Pack Drive.	Came readily, tail up, jumped, bit at hands. Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands. Came readily, tail up.	1 2
			Came readily, tall down Came hesitantly, tall down. Didn't come at all.	
	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 Drivē.	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 (3 4 5
	RESTRAINT  The tester crouches down and gently rolls the pup of its back and holds it down with light pressure with one hand for 30 seconds.  USE Contact	There is an in the	Struggled fiercely, flalled, bit. Struggled fiercely, fialled. Settled, struggled, settled with some eye contact. Struggled then settled. No struggle, no eye contact. No struggle, straining to avoid eye contact.	1 (3 4 5
	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.  Lews who her had	Degree of acceptance of social dominance by a person.  Pack Drive.  UMS BU	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

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ELEVATION DOMINANCE		Struggled fiercely, tried to bite.	1
The tester cradles the pup under its chest, with both hands, fingers interlaced, palms up and gently lifts it	position of no control.	Struggled fiercely. Struggled, settled,	2
		struggled, settled. No struggle, relaxed.	3 (4)
		No struggle, body stiff.	5
		No struggle, froze.	6
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 paper no more than four feet in front of the pup, encouraging it to retrieve the paper.	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.	Ž
		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.	3
		Did not chase object.	6
OUCH SENSITIVITY		8-10 counts before response.	1
	Degree of sensitivity to touch and a key	6-7 counts before response.	2
pressure while counting to 10 and stops the pressur when the puppy pulls away or shows discomfort.		5-6 counts before response.	(3
* Do <b>not</b> use your fingernail when performing this test. Press between the finger and thumb lightly		2-4 counts before response.	4
hen more firmly until you get a response.		2-3 counts before response.	5
	Degree of sensitivity to sound. (Also a rudimentary test for deafness.)  Prey Drive.	Listened, located sound, walked toward it barking.	1
SOUND SENSITIVITY		Listened, located sound, barked.	2
The puppy is placed in the center of the testing area and an assistant stationed at the perimeter makes a charp noise, such as banging a metal spoon on the		Listened, located sound, showed curiosity and walked toward sound.	3
pottom of a metal pan.		Listened, located the sound.	4

Cringed, backed off,

Ignored sound, showed

sound.

no curiosity.



		Looked, attacked and bit.	1
SIGHT SENSITIVITY	moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels. Prey Drive.	Looked, barked and tall up.	2
The tester ties a string around a bath towel and		Looked curiously, attempted to investigate.	(3)
jerks it across the floor two feet away from puppy.		Looked, barked, tail- tuck.	4
		Ran away, hid.	_5_
	Degree of startle response to a strange object. Fight and Flight Drive.	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
Come totestor for		Sat and looked, but did not move toward the umbrella.	<b>(4)</b>
Come white		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 necessary.		
Shoulder lay back		Th	
Front angulation			
Croup angulation		The puppy has an extreme fault or	þöóf
Rear angulation		deviation.	
(see diagram below)			

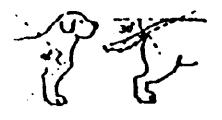
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Straight front

Straight rear

Shoulder layback

Front angulation

Croup angulation

Rear angulation