Continue stroking until a recognizable behavior is

established.

Puppy (color see )

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PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

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Puppy (color see )

Puppy (color, sex) litter date			
TEST	PURPOSE	SCORE	#
	Degree of social attraction to people, confidence, or dependence.	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 or its back and holds it down with light pressure with one hand for 30 seconds.  A COLUMN AND THE RESTRICT OF THE PUBLISHED OF THE P	Degree of dominance or submissive tendency, and ease of handling in difficult situations	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit.	1
		Struggled fiercely, flailed.	2
		Settled, struggled, settled with some eye	(3)
		contact. 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.	Degree of acceptance of social dominance by a	Jumped, pawed, bit, growled.	1
		Jumped, pawed.	2
		Cuddled up to tester and tried to lick face. Squirmed, licked at	3

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Rolled over, licked at

Went away and stayed

hands.

away.

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Pack Drive.

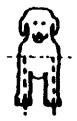
Developed by Jack and Wendy Volhard © Wendy Volhard 2003 2/3 Struggled fiercely, tried 1 to bite. **ELEVATION DOMINANCE** Degree of accepting Struggled fiercely. 2 The tester cradles the pup under its chest, with both dominance while in Struggled, settled, hands, fingers interlaced, palms up and gently lifts it position of no control. struggled, settled. two feet off the ground, and holds it there for 30 No struggle, relaxed. 4' Fight or Flight Drive. seconds. No struggle, body stiff. No struggie, froze. б 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 3 attraction and following, lup and returned with it attention with a crumpled up piece of paper. When to tester. a kev indicator for ease 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 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. 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 Prey Drive. bottom of a metal pan. 4 sound. Cringed, backed off, 5 hid. Ignored sound, showed 6 no curiosity.

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		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,	chasing bicycles, children or squirrels.	Looked curiously, attempted to investigate.	(3)
	Prey Drive.	Looked, barked, tail- tuck.	4
		Ran away, hid.	5
STABILITY  An umbrella is opened about five feet from the puppy and gently placed on the ground.		Looked and ran to the umbrella, mouthing or biting it.	1
	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 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		The puppy has a slight fault or deviation.	fair
Straight rear	Good structure is		
Shoulder lay back	necessary.		
<ul> <li>Front angulation</li> </ul>		The puppy has an	
<ul> <li>Croup angulation</li> </ul>		extreme fault or	poor
Rear angulation		deviation.	
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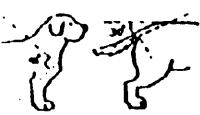
Straight front



Straight rear



Shoulder layback



Front angulation



Croup angulation



Rear anoulation