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PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

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Puppy (color, sex) Thale li	itter	date
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TEST	PURPOSE	SCORE	#
SOCIAL ATTRACTION	Degree of social attraction to people,	Came readily, tail up, jumped, bit at hands.	1
		Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands.	2
lines babby in test area about rour reet ironi the	confidence, or dependence.	Came readily, tail up.	(1)
tester. Tester kneels, leans backwards and coaxes	gependence. Pack Drive.	Came readily, tail down	4
the pup to her/him by clapping hands gently.		Came hesitantly, tall 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		Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot, bit at feet.	1
		Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot.	2
		Followed readily, tail up	3
sees you walk away. Coax puppy to follow by talking to it and attracting its attention.	Pack Drive.	Followed readily, tail down.	4
anious		Followed hesitantly, tail down.	5
		Did not follow or went away.	6
RESTRAINT The tester crouches down and gently rolls the pup or	Degree of dominance or submissive tendency, and ease of handling in difficult situations. Fight or Flight Drive.	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit.	1
		Struggled fiercely, fialled.	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
		Jumped, pawed, bit, growled.	1
SOCIAL DOMINANCE		Jumped, pawed.	2
Puppy sits or stands on crouching tester's left side and tester gently strokes it from the head to back.		and tried to lick face.	3
	person. Pack Drive.	Squirmed, licked at hands.	4
		Rolled over, licked at hands.	5
		Went away and stayed away.	6

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ELEVATION DOMINANCE The tester cradles the pup under its chest, with both hands, fingers interlaced, palms up and gently lifts it two feet off the ground, and holds it there for 30 seconds. YEVOUS	Degree of accepting dominance while in position of no control. Fight or Flight Drive.	Struggled flercely, tried to bite. Struggled fiercely. Struggled, settled,	2
		struggled, settled. No struggle, relaxed. No struggle, body stiff. No struggle, froze.	4 5
The tester crouches beside the pup and attracts its	Degree of willingness to do something for you. 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. Chased object, stood over it, and did not return.	
		Chased object, picked it up and returned with it to tester. Chased object and	3
		returned without it to tester. Started to chase object, lost interest. Did not chase object.	5 (6)
finger and thumb. The tester gradually increases pressure while counting to 10 and stops the pressure	Degree of sensitivity to touch and a key indicator to the type of training equipment required.	8-10 counts before response.	1
		6-7 counts before response. 5-6 counts before	2
		response, 2-4 counts before	3 4
		response. 2-3 counts before response.	5
The puppy is placed in the center of the testing area and an assistant stationed at the perimeter makes a sharp noise, such as banging a metal spoon on the	Degree of sensitivity to sound. (Also a rudimentary test for deafness.) Prey Drive.	Listened, located sound, walked toward it barking. Listened, located	1
		sound, barked. Listened, located sound, showed curiosity and walked toward sound. Listened, located the	3
		sound. Cringed, backed off, hld. Ignored sound, showed no curiosity.	5



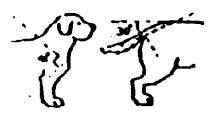
		Looked, attacked and	Γ.
SIGHT SENSITIVITY	Degree of response to a	bit. Looked, barked and tall	1
SIGHT SENSITIVITY	moving object, such as	up.	2
The puppy is placed in the center of the testing area. The tester ties a string around a bath towel and jerks it across the floor two feet away from puppy.	Hadamata a taka maka a	Looked curiously, attempted to investigate.	3
		Looked, barked, tail- tuck.	4
90 70		Ran away, hid.	5
STABILITY An umbrella is opened about five feet from the puppy and gently placed on the ground.	Degree of startle response to a strange object.	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
	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
TRUCTURE		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:		The puppy has a slight	
Straight front	Degree of structural soundness.	fault or deviation.	fair
Straight rear			
Shoulder lay back	Good structure is necessary.		
 Front angulation 	<u>]</u>	The puppy has an	
 Croup angulation 		extreme fault or	poor
Rear angulation (see diagram below)		deviation.	

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Straight front

Straight rear

Shoulder layback

Front angulation

Croup angulation

Rear angulation