

Puppy Evaluation Criteria (Ganley/Lyon 2003)

1. **Attraction to people** - Place puppy on the floor and walk away. Turn and kneel down, then clap your hands and call the puppy to you in a happy voice.

- A. Puppy comes readily, jumps up on you and bites or mouths your hands.
- B. Puppy comes readily, tail up and happy, and may climb up on you.
- C. Comes quickly, with tail held level or slightly down.
- D. Comes hesitantly, low to the ground.
- E. Doesn't come - sits and looks afraid.

2. **Following** - Next put puppy on the floor and walk away, without talking to or encouraging the puppy.

- A. Confidently explores on own, not interested in where human is.
- B. Follows closely, tail up, might be nipping at shoes or shoelaces
- C. Follows closely, tail up.
- D. Follows with tail level or down, may crawl.
- E. Doesn't follow - sits and may start to cry.

3. **Retrieval** - Crumple small piece of paper or use small toy. Toss it so that the puppy can see it.

- A. Chases it, carries off to chew by self or goes off to explore by self
- B. Chases it and brings it back to you. won't let you get it back.
- C. Chases it, brings it back to you, lets you take it.
- D. Starts to chase it. But loses interest
- E. Not interested stays by you

4. **Social handling** - Squat down next to the puppy and rub or stroke his head, neck, back, face and then feet. Stop and wait for puppy's response.

- A. Jumps on you, bites at your hands or growls.
- B. Paws at you, wiggles and squirms, tries to climb on you.
- C. Wiggles slightly and licks your hands/no bites
- D. Struggles to get away from you.
- E. Freezes and whines and cries/ might urinate

5. **Trainability** - Crumple a small piece of paper or hotdog hold it just above the puppy's head. Lure into sit. If he sits, give lots of praise and let him have the paper for a couple of seconds. Repeat this three or four times and check his response.

- A. Jumps up on you to get the paper/food/ pawing at hand.
- B. Sits the second or third time
- C. Jumps the first time, but then sits quickly and is obviously happy to do it.
- D. Sits, then lies down.
- E. Walks away - doesn't want to do it.

6. **Tolerance** - Put the puppy upside down between your legs (you are sitting on floor with legs straight out) don't let puppy up till he/she settles make note of how long it takes this puppy to settle. **Repeat 3X**

- A. Struggles hard, tries to bite your hands, cries or growls.
- B. Struggles - may cry. *(indicate behavior after 3^d time)*
- C. Struggles, then settles down. *Puppy is no better bites harder*
- D. Little or no struggling, licks your hands. *Each-time puppy gets better*
- E. No struggling, but whimpers or urinates. *Cries and carries on for 10 seconds*

7. **Food drive**

Holding food covered in fist: low medium high (if high work implement Food bowl game)
Placing food under over turned dish: low medium high

8. **Foot surface sensitivity:** Yes No [Repeat 3times does puppy get better Yes No] Use food to see if puppy can overcome its fear

9. **Noise sensitivity** to dropped metal object: Yes No (put food into dish will puppy investigate) Y N