

EVALUATION For Placement

Dog's Name

Reg#

Date

Breed

Evaluator

Do all exercises off leash (leave leash on if dog is tense)

Behavior upon entering room

(Ignore the dog while standing still in an empty room for 2 minutes)

1. Comes in and runs and jumps up and mouths hand or is independent
2. Nudges hand several times jumps up
3. Good eye contact comes to see you noses your pant leg
4. Dog gives no eye contact comes hesitantly
5. Dog give not eye contact stands away no friendliness afraid

Sociability: (Have chair near by and now sit down for two minutes)

1. Comes over after a while, independent, **brushes by you**
2. Comes right over, jumps up and is mouthy
3. Comes readily, tail up, paws, licks at hands, but doesn't climb up
4. Comes hesitantly, tail down worried
5. Does not come at all, attempts to ignore/avoid, afraid

Touch for sociability (sit in chair and stroke dog down its back 3x pausing in-between to see if dog interacts with you.)

1. Doesn't move away but is jumpy mouthy when touched in some areas
2. Seems to like it, slight tail wag, but not interactive
3. Turns into you and engages with you, friendly.
4. No reaction, a little afraid, **indifferent**
5. Dog stiffens (stop don't do again.) Put this dog away

Friendly Affection (20 seconds of active friendly affection)

1. Dog jumps up on you mouths your hand and demands you to keep petting or starts to tug on the lead or barks
2. Dog is aroused wiggly and starts to mouth your hand
3. Dog just wants more attention, sort of folds into your lap
4. Neutral maybe a bit fearful
5. Moves away from you, doesn't want the interaction or aggressively interacts.

Teeth Touching Tolerance

(checking multiple times)

1. Can't be checked
2. Squirmy, but can be handled
3. Easy to handle
4. Mellow & tractable
5. Struggles a lot / avoids

Hug Tolerance only if you feel comfortable dog has been fine so far. (Hug dog if you feel safe. Wrap arm around dog like a vice - dog's neck in the crook of your arm your hand against your cheek)

1. Dog growls and threatens (release dog)
2. Dog squirms at first, tries to lick and then relaxes
3. Dog doesn't mind, just relaxes
4. Dog is submissive, can't relax
5. Dog freezes

Paw Hold or Flank Grab

(Pick up back foot and hold -don't squeeze-for 20 seconds or grasp flank for 5 seconds)

1. Flips Around trying to bite
2. Struggles briefly, then settles
3. Calm, no reaction
4. Whiimpers and Struggles

5. Whimpers, cries, shuts down or freezes
Be aware, especially with shelter dogs, that they may be sore & reactive to9 grabbing at the sites of recent immunization injections

Play (Now try and engage the dog into a game of tug or chase a toy on a string)

1. Dog chases and doesn't let go lots of growling and shaking of the head
2. Dog chases, picks up but takes away to guard at distance
3. Dog chases, brings back and wants to play some more. Will give back or exchange for food.
4. Dog pounces on toy but won't hold on.
5. No real interest in playing or too afraid to play

Food guarding (test with each item don't compete for the item act like dog is yours) Use assess a hand. Not part of score-info only.

food in bowl____, rawhide____ marrowbone____ pig's ear____

1. Growls and bites hand, charges you.
2. Stiffens, stops eating may or may not lift its head
3. Dog doesn't mind. Just keeps eating
4. Dog eats faster, tries to move food away
5. Shows eye whites, tries to move food away and turns to react to "hand" no bite

Remember stroke dog on back first then try and put hand in bowl like you are adding something into it.

Stress Indicators

Overt Signs of Friendliness

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| 1. None | 3. Many | 5. Some |
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Yawning

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| 1. Mild | 3. None | 5. Repeated |
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Lip Licking

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| 1. Mild | 3. None | 5. Repeated |
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Wrinkled brows/enlarged facial blood vessels

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| 1. Mild | 3. None | 5. Pronounced |
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Pupils

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| 1 Dilated | 3 Normal | 5. Whale eye |
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Body/tail position

1. Mixed cues
3. Tails and ears up, body and/or tail wagging
5. Tails tucked, trembling, low posture

Ear position

1. Mixed
3. Relaxed or calmly alert
5. Plastered

Reactions to strangers / guests / visitors (have dog on leash) (Have volunteer knock at door. Evaluator asks person to come in. Then the volunteer can extend their hand and make friendly greeting "Hi puppy, nice dog". Release dog to person if dog is trying to be friendly.)

1. Dog alarm barks, and moves forward can't settle
2. Dog stares, maybe barks, and then is friendly
3. Dog wags and solicits is friendly
4. Dog alarm barks, hackles go up, and backs off
5. **Dog freaks out, totally afraid shuts down**

Cat Tolerance (Volunteer brings in cat, puts in bubble. With leash on dog, let him approach and sniff cat.)

1. Obsessed with cat, tries to get at it. Can't hear human or focus on anything but cat.
2. Can focus with reinforcement

3. No interest or is curious, sniffs and then refocuses on human
4. Growls but moves away
5. Worried, tries to leave cat, seeks protection from human

Needs follow-up evaluation in ___days/weeks

Comments: _____

Umbrella Startle Test (*Open umbrella near dog*)

1. Grabs and bites the umbrella
2. No reaction
3. Startles, but then returns to check it out
4. Startles, might growl, but with food can recover
5. Bites and growls at umbrella cannot recover to investigate

Plan:

Prior Training (see what dog can do): Sit __, down __ stay __, fetch __, speak __, catch a treat __, shake a paw __, dog is well mannered on leash __, dog pulls you around __, dog is wild / frantic on leash __

Tug Play (*Engage the dog in a game of tug*)

1. Growling, re-grabbing, snatching, repositioning of bite.
Would rather keep tug than play more.
- 2 Tugs enthusiastically & gives toy back to keep the game ' game going
- 3 Interested in following, doesn't want to grab tug
- 4 Unwilling to play interactively

Dog's Total Score 1. __ 2. __ 3. __ 4. __ 5. __

Dogs with:

Mostly 3's with some 2's & 4's will re-home easily with basic good management.

Mixture of 1's and 2's and 3's have issues that require training and management interventions.

All 1's and 2's may not be place able or only with very experienced handlers.

Mostly 4's and 5's will require more testing and a quiet home willing to work slowly to overcome fear issues. They may still will end up with a fearful dog.

Any dog not capable of being tested at this time

Needs follow-up temperament evaluation in ___days.

General Observations

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| Confident - timid | Secure - insecure |
| Calm - frenetic | Attentive - distracted |
| People centered - environment centered | |
| Dependent - independent | Needy - aloof |
| Silly - serious | Gentle - brutal |

Suggested Life Style Recommendations (Please remember there is no test to find out if dogs are really OK with children Look for dogs who gravitate towards the children even more than the adults seem to solicit attention from them Not stalking behavior)

Appropriate ages:

- No kids
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| Ages 0-4 and up | Ages 5-8 and up |
| Ages 9-12 and up | Teens and up |
- Better with woman / men

Would like to observe this dog around children

Exercise requirements:

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| High | Moderate | Low |
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Management/training requirements:

- Fenced yard only
- Needs experienced handler
- Needs handler with some experience with breed type
- Obedience strongly recommended
- Good 1st dog
- Needs quiet or older family
- Needs active household