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PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

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Puppy (color, sex) litte	Main +mary	date	20	
TEST	PURPOSE	SCORE	#	7
SOCIAL ATTRACTION Place puppy in test area about four feet from the tester. Tester kneels, leans backwards and coaxes the pup to her/him by clapping hands gently.	Degree of social attraction to people, confidence, or dependence.	Came readily, tail up, jumped, bit at hands.	1	The second secon
		Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands.		
		Came readily, tail up.	(3)	
		Came readily, tail down	4	
		Came hesitantly, tail down.	5	NEW AND PROPERTY.
		Didn't come at all.	6	and the same of th
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	TO THE RESERVE THE PARTY OF THE
		Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot.	2	NATIONAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY
		Followed readily, tail up	3	No. of the last of
		Followed readily, tail down.	4	
		Followed hesitantly, tail down.	5	
		Did not follow or went away.	6	W. St. Park of St.
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.	Degree of dominance or submissive tendency, and ease of handling in difficult situations. Fight or Flight Drive.	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit.	1	Schrödenberger
		Struggled fiercely, flailed.	2	and a second
		Settled, struggled, settled with some eye contact.	3	
		Struggled then settled.		- X
		No struggle, no eye contact.	E	}
		No struggle, straining to avoid eye contact.	6	
		Jumped, pawed, bit, growled.	1	principal annual
SOCIAL DOMINANCE		Jumped, pawed.	2	R
Puppy sits or stands on crouching tester's left side	person. Pack Drive a Trinot Leaner to	Cuddled up to tester and tried to lick face.	3	Bu
		Squirmed, licked at hands.	4	Tick
		Rolled over, licked at hands.	5	ACTION ASSAULT
		Went away and stayed away.	6	

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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 two feet off the ground, and holds it there for 30 seconds.	Degree of accepting dominance while in position of no control. Fight or Flight Drive.	Struggled fiercely. Struggled, settled,	2
		struggled, settled. No struggle, relaxed.	4
	a ight of riight brive.	No struggle, body stiff.	5
RETRIEVING 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. Hought thinks out	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.	No struggle, froze. Chased object, picked it	1
		up and ran away. Chased object, stood over it, and did not return.	2
		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.	
, - G		Did not chase object.	6
TOUCH SENSITIVITY		8-10 counts before response.	1
The tester locates the webbing of one of the puppy's front paws and presses it lightly between his index finger and thumb. The tester gradually increases pressure while counting to 10 and stops the pressure when the puppy pulls away or shows discomfort. * Do not use your fingernail when performing this test. Press between the finger and thumb lightly then more firmly until you get a response.	Degree of sensitivity to touch and a key	6-7 counts before response.	2
		5-6 counts before response.	3
		2-4 counts before response.	4
		2-3 counts before response.	5
SOUND SENSITIVITY 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 bottom of a metal pan.	deafness.) Prey Drive.	Listened, located sound, walked toward it barking.	1
		Listened, located sound, barked.	2
		Listened, located sound, showed curiosity and walked toward sound.	3
		Listened, located the sound.	4
		Cringed, backed off, hid.	5
		Ignored sound, showed no curiosity.	6

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	TRANSPORTED ACCOUNTS TO TAKE A TRANSPORT ACCOUNTS OF SERVING AND ACCOUNTS OF A	Looked, attacked and bit.	1
SIGHT SENSITIVITY	Degree of response to a 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. Prey Drive.	Looked curiously, attempted to investigate.	3
		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	Looked and walked to the umbrella, smelling it cautiously.	2
	object.	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	Degree of structural soundness.	The puppy has a slight fault or deviation.	fair
Straight rear	Good structure is		
Shoulder lay back	necessary.	STATE	NOTIFIED ACTION
Front angulation		The puppy has an	
Croup angulation		extreme fault or	poor
 Rear angulation (see diagram below) 		deviation.	

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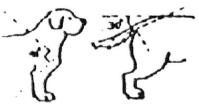
Straight front



Straight rear



Shoulder layback



Front angulation



Croup angulation



Rear angulation