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Came readily, tail up,

jumped, bit at hands. Came readily, tail up,

pawed, licked at hands. Came readily, tail up.

Came readily, tail down

Did not follow or went

Struggled fiercely,

away.

flailed, bit.

PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

This score sheet has been prepared for the convenience of those who have Blue Dog Training For Dummies by Jack & Wendy Volhard (IDG Books, 2001), which contains the information necessary for accurate results and the correct interpretation of the scores.

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Test Purpose Score

Came readily, tail up jumped, bit at hands attraction to people, confidence, or dependence.

Place puppy in test area about four feet from the tester. Tester kneels, leans backwards and coaxes

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the pup to her/him by clapping hands gently. Pack Drive. Came hesitantly, tail 5 down. Didn't come at all. 6 Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot, bit 1 at feet. Followed readily, tail 2 FOLLOWING up, got underfoot.

Willingness to follow a Followed readily, tail 3 The tester stands up and slowly walks away person. up encouraging the puppy to follow. Make sure the pup Followed readily, tail 4 sees you walk away. Coax puppy to follow by talking Pack Drive. down. to it and attracting its attention. Followed hesitantly, 5 tail down.

Struggled fiercely, Degree of dominance or 2 flailed. submissive tendency. RESTRAINT and ease of handling in Settled, struggled, The tester crouches down and gently rolls the pup or difficult situations. G settled with some eye contact. its back and holds it down with light pressure with Fight or Flight Drive. Struggled then settled. 4 one hand for 30 seconds. No struggle, no eye 5 contact. No struggle, straining 6

SOCIAL DOMINANCE Puppy sits or stands on crouching tester's left side and tester gently strokes it from the head to back.

Continue stroking until a recognizable behavior is established.

Degree of acceptance of social dominance by a Pack Drive.

1 growled. Jumped, pawed. 2 3 Cuddled up to tester and tried to lick face. Squirmed, licked at 4 hands. Rolled over, licked at 5 hands.

Went away and stayed

away.

to avoid eye contact. Jumped, pawed, bit,

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2/3 Developed by Jack and Wendy Volhard © Wendy Volhard 2003 Struggled fiercely, tried 1 to bite. **ELEVATION DOMINANCE** Degree of accepting Struggled fiercely. 2 dominance while in The tester cradles the pup under its chest, with both Struggled, settled, hands, fingers interlaced, palms up and gently lifts it position of no control. (3 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. 5 6 No struggle, froze. 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 up and returned with it 3 attraction and following, attention with a crumpled up piece of paper. When to tester. a key 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, 4 returned without it to encouraging it to retrieve the paper. tester. Prey Drive. 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. 2-4 counts before * Do **not** use your fingernall when performing this 4 response. test. Press between the finger and thumb lightly 554 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. Ianored sound, showed 6 no curiosity.

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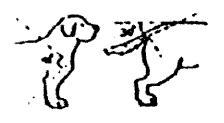
SIGHT SENSITIVITY The puppy is placed in the center of the testing area. The tester ties a string around a bath towel and jerks it across the floor two feet away from puppy.	Degree of response to a moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels,	Looked, attacked and bit. Looked, barked and tail up. Looked curiously, attempted to investigate. Looked, barked, tall-tuck. Ran away, hid.	1 2 3 4 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. Fight and Flight Drive.	Looked and ran to the umbrella, mouthing or biting it. Looked and walked to the umbrella, smelling it cautiously. Looked and went to investigate. Sat and looked, but did not move toward the umbrella. Ran away from the umbrella. Showed no interest.	1 2 3 4 5 6
STRUCTURE The puppy is gently set and held in a natural stance and evaluated for structure in the following categories: Straight front Straight rear Shoulder lay back Front angulation Croup angulation	Degree of structural soundness. Good structure is necessary.	The puppy is correct in structure. The puppy has a slight fault or deviation. The puppy has an extreme fault or deviation.	good fair poor

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Straight front

Straight rear

Shoulder layback

Front anoutation

Croup angulation

Rear angulation