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PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

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Iitter Description of the scores.

7	TEST	PURPOSE	SCORE	#
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,	Came readily, tail up, jumped, bit at hands. Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands.	1 2
	confidence, or dependence. Pack Drive.	Came readily, tail up. Came readily, tail down Came hesitantly, tail	(<u>3</u>	
		down. Didn't come at all.	5 6	
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.	children and the control of the cont	Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot, bit at feet.	1	
			Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot.	2
	puppy to follow. Make sure the pup		Followed readily, tail up Followed readily, tail	3
			down. Followed hesitantly,	4 5
		tail down. Did not follow or went away.	6	
RESTRAINT The tester crouches down and gently rolls the pupits back and holds it down with light pressure with one hand for 30 seconds. GGE COMMUNICATION OF THE RESERVENCE		submissive tendency, and ease of handling in	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit,	1
			Struggled fiercely, flailed.	2
	ches down and gently rolls the pup of ds it down with light pressure with		Settled, struggled, settled with some eye contact.	(3
	t a a a a a a d a		Struggled then settled. No struggle, no eye	4 5
	COVC		contact. No struggle, straining to avoid eye contact.	6
SOCIAL DOMINANCE Puppy sits or stands on crouching tester's left and tester gently strokes it from the head to be Continue stroking until a recognizable behavior established.	γ	Degree of acceptance of social dominance by a person. Pack Drive.	Jumped, pawed, bit, growled.	1
	NANCE		Jumped, pawed. Cuddled up to tester	2 3
	ly strokes it from the head to back.		and tried to lick face. Squirmed, licked at hands.	4
	ny until a recognizable benavior is		Rolled over, licked at hands.	5
			Went away and stayed away.	6

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ELEVATION DOMINANCE	Degree of accepting	Struggled fiercely, tried to bite. Struggled fiercely.	1 2
The tester cradles the pup under its chest, with both hands, fingers interlaced, palms up and gently lifts i	Position of no control. Fight or Flight Drive.	Struggled, settled, struggled, settled.	3
two feet off the ground, and holds it there for 30 seconds.		No struggle, relaxed. No struggle, body stiff.	⊘ 5
1~ 11 \CP 1		No struggle, froze. Chased object, picked it	6
	do something for you. Together with social attraction and following,	up and ran away. Chased object, stood over it, and did not return.	2
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		Chased object, picked it up and returned with it to tester.	3
paper no more than four feet in front of the pup, encouraging it to retrieve the paper.		Chased object and returned without it to tester.	4
Started to chase object lost interest. Did not chase object. 8-10 counts before	5 6		
TOUCH SENSITIVITY		8-10 counts before	1
The tester locates the webbing of one of the puppy' front paws and presses it lightly between his index finger and thumb. The tester gradually increases	Degree of sensitivity to to touch and a key eindicator to the type of training equipment required.	6-7 counts before response.	2
pressure while counting to 10 and stops the pressure		5-6 counts before response.	3
* Do not use your fingernall when performing this test. Press between the finger and thumb lightly then more firmly until you get a response.		2-4 counts before response.	4
oren more many unan you get a response.		2-3 counts before response.	5
	Degree of sensitivity to sound. (Also a irudimentary test for	Listened, located sound, walked toward it barking.	1
SOUND SENSITIVITY		Listened, located sound, barked.	2
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		Listened, located sound, showed curiosity and walked toward sound.	(3)
bottom of a metal pan.		Listened, located the sound.	4
		Cringed, backed off, hid.	5
		Ignored sound, showed no curiosity.	6

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	Looked, attacked and bit.	1
moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels.	up.	2
	Looked curiously, attempted to investigate.	(3)
	Looked, barked, tail- tuck.	4
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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
	Sat and looked, but did not move toward the umbrella.	4
	Ran away from the umbrella.	5
	Showed no interest.	6
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necessary.	78 A	poor
	moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels. Prey Drive. Degree of startle response to a strange object. Fight and Flight Drive. Degree of structural soundness. Good structure is necessary.	Degree of response to a moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels. Prey Drive. Degree of startle response to a strange object. Fight and Flight Drive. Fight and Flight Drive. Degree of structural soundness. Degree of structural soundness. Good structure is necessary. Degree of response to a strange object. bit. Looked, barked and tall up. Looked curiously, attempted to investigate. 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. The puppy has a slight fault or deviation. The puppy has an extreme fault or

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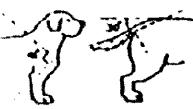
Straight front



Straight rear



Shoulder layback



Front angulation



Croup angulation



Rear anoutation

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