

Litter and Puppy Evaluation and Scoring

<p>Social Awareness (Kneel down (not over the dogs) and coaxes the puppy to come to him or her by encouragingly and gently clapping hands and calling. The tester must coax the puppy in the opposite direction from where it entered the test area).</p>	<p>-Comes readily, tail up, bites at hands. 1 -Comes readily tail up, paws and licks. 2 -Comes readily and tail is up. 3 -Comes readily and tail is down. 4 -Comes hesitantly and tail is down. 5 -Does not come, even when encouraged. 6</p>	<p>Elevation Dominance (the tester cradles the puppy with both hands, supporting the puppy under its chest and gently lifts it two feet off the ground and holds it there for 30 seconds).</p>	<p>-Struggle fiercely and bites. 1 -Struggles 2 -No struggle and relaxed, tail wags. 3 -No struggle and relaxed 4 -No struggle 5 -No struggle, frozen, tail tense or tucked 6</p>
<p>Following (stands up and slowly walks away encouraging the puppy to follow).</p>	<p>-Follows readily, tail up, bites at feet. 1 -Follows readily tail up, gets under feet. 2 -Follows readily and tail is up. 3 -Comes readily and tail is down. 4 -Comes hesitantly and tail is down. 5 -Does not come, even when encouraged. 6</p>	<p>Retrieving (the tester crouches beside the puppy and attracts its attention with a crumpled up paper or ball. When the puppy shows some interest, the tester throws the paper no more than four feet in front of the puppy encouraging it to retrieve the paper).</p>	<p>-Chases object, picks up, and runs away. 1 -Chases object, stands over, does not return. 2 -Chases object, picks it up, and returns. 3 -Chases object, returns without it. 4 -Starts to chase, loses interest. 5 -Does not chase. 6</p>
<p>Restraint (gently rolls the puppy on its back and holds it on its back for 30 seconds. You are not using heavy pressure).</p>	<p>-Struggles fiercely, flails and bites. 1 -Struggles fiercely and flails. 2 -Settles, struggles with eye contact. 3 -Slight struggle, then settles. 4 -No struggle, tail low or tucked. 5 -No struggle and avoids eye contact. 6</p>	<p>Touch Sensitivity (presses webbing of feet lightly between his index finger and thumb. The tester gradually increases pressure while counting to ten and stops when the puppy pulls away or shows signs of discomfort).</p>	<p>-9-10 seconds before a response 1 -7-8 seconds before a response. 2 -5-6 seconds before a response. 3 -3-4 seconds before a response. 4 -2-3 seconds before a response 5 -Almost immediate response 6</p>
<p>Social Dominance (See Below)</p>	<p>-Jumps, paws, bites, and growls. 1 -Jumps, paws, and licks 2 -Cuddles up and tries to lick face. 3 -Sits with petting/ nudges hands. 4</p>	<p>Sound Sensitivity (makes a sharp noise, such as banging a metal spoon on the bottom of a metal pan)</p>	<p>-Locates the sound and walks towards it. 1 -Locates sound and barks at it. 2 -Locates sound and shows curiosity 3 -Locates the sound. 4</p>

<p>Social Dominance (Let the puppy stand up or sit and gently stroke it from the head to the back while you crouch beside it. See if it will lick your face, an indication of a forgiving nature. Continue stroking until you see a behavior you can score).</p>	<p>continued... -Rolls over, no eye contact. 5 -Goes away and stays away. 6</p>	<p>Sound Sensitivity (makes a sharp noise, such as banging a metal spoon on the bottom of a metal pan.)</p>	<p>continued.. -Backs off and hides. 5 -ignores sound and doesn't care. 6</p>
<p>Chase instinct with Prey Item (The puppy is placed in the center and the tester ties a string around a bath towel and jerks it across the floor a feet away from the puppy).</p>	<p>-Looks, attacks, and bites 1 -Looks, barks, and tail up 2 -Looks and wants to investigate 3 -Looks but does not pursue 4 -Runs away 5 -Ignores 6</p>	<p>Stability with Object (A noisy object such as an umbrella is opened about five feet from the puppy and gently placed on the ground).</p>	<p>-Walks forward with tail up and bites. 1 -Walks forward with tail up and mouths. 2 -Walks forward 3 -Looks, stays put 4 -Goes away with tail down and may hide 5 -Ignores. 6</p>
<p>Food Working Drive (Tester shows food or ball and hides under an easy object such as hat, paper back, container, etc)</p>	<p>-Will go under or into object to get food. 1 -Go to object and tries to access for a bit. 2 -Will go to the object quickly give up. 3 -Will go towards object but not try to access 4 -Will look at object that food was in. 5 -Will show no interest in the object. 6</p>	<p>Hunting Drive (Tester shows food or ball and runs a very short track and hides behind a small bush or object)</p>	<p>-Will short track to person who hid. 1 -Will follow 75% towards person who hid. 2 -Will start to follow person who hid's path by 50% 3 - Will start to follow person who hid's path by 25% 4 -Will show interest in direction of person who hid. 5 -Will show no interest in the person who ran and hid. 6</p>
<p>Energy Level</p>	<p>-Runs, pounces, wiggles, & paw (High) -Trots, occasional run, punches (Medium) -Walks slowly, sits quietly, stays put (Low) -Stands rigid, tail down, ears back. (Stressed)</p>	<p>Scoring Chart</p>	<p>12-24: Higher drive/ more dominant dog 36=48: Medium Drive/ well rounded dog 60-72: Low drive, low dominance/nervous dog</p>

Mostly 1s: Strong desire to be pack leader. High drive. Experienced handlers only!
Mostly 2s: Has strong leadership. High Drive. Needs strict structure. Experienced handlers.
Mostly 3s: High energy, needs exercise. Can be a handful. Not ideal for a brand new owner
Mostly 4s: Great pet. Perfect for average dog owner.
Mostly 5s: Fearful, shy, nervy, may lead to fear aggression.
Mostly 6s: Highly independent. Hard to bond with.