

Avidog Puppy Evaluation Test (APET) Score Sheet

Puppy: _____ Litter: _____ Date: _____

APET Score Sheet

GENERALLY STABLE TEMPERAMENT TRAITS

TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE			
Assertiveness-- People	The degree to which a puppy is bold and self-assured with familiar and unfamiliar people	1-----5-----10	RESERVED So restrained and reticent that it does not greet tester	MIDDLE OF THE ROAD Initially greets tester low but with encouragement gets into lap but never approaches tester's face; may be more assertive with familiar people	FORWARD Lacking restraint; presumptuous, bold with both familiar and unfamiliar people, e.g., greets by getting in lap and leaping into tester's face
Assertiveness-- Dogs	The degree to which a puppy is bold and self-assured with familiar and unfamiliar dogs	1-----5-----10	RESERVED So restrained and reticent that it does not greet dog	MIDDLE OF THE ROAD Greets confidently with appropriate restraint, keeping all feet on the ground; may be more assertive with familiar dogs	FORWARD Lacking restraint; presumptuous, bold with both familiar and unfamiliar dogs, e.g., greets by climbing on back, head or neck

TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE		
Biddability	The degree to which the puppy shows an interest in working with and/or understanding tester	1-----5-----10 NOT BIDDABLE Completely disinterested in working with or understanding tester's requests	MODERATELY BIDDABLE Attempts to work with and/or understand tester's words and motions about half the time; gets frustrated or distracted sometimes	EXTREMELY BIDDABLE Intensely focused on working with and/or understanding testers requests throughout test; rarely frustrated or distracted
Courage	Mental strength to persevere despite fear or difficulty	1-----5-----10 LACKS COURAGE Shuts down in the face of all frightening or difficult situations	MODERATELY COURAGEOUS Attempts to approach and engage some frightening or difficult situations, often with help from tester	EXTREMELY COURAGEOUS Independently perseveres through every frightening and difficult situation
Energy Level	Capacity and need for vigorous physical and mental activity	1-----5-----10 LOW ENERGY Lies down or sits during most of test; only walks when moving	MODERATE ENERGY Trots most of test, may stop moving a few times	HIGH ENERGY Never stops running to pounce and jump
Environmental Focus	The need to concentrate attention or energy on surroundings	1-----5-----10 ENVIRONMENT INATTENTIVE Ignores environment	MODERATE ENVIRONMENT FOCUS Notices environment but is easily redirected	ENVIRONMENT OBSESSED Continually explores and notices environment; very difficult to redirect

TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE		
Forgiveness	Reaction to unwarranted adverse behavior or negative emotion from a person	1-----5-----10		
		EXTREMELY UNFORGIVING Immediately leaves and stays away from tester , will not engage or return to tester without a lot of encouragement	MODERATELY FORGIVING Goes away but returns to tester without encouragement	EXTREMELY FORGIVING Immediately turns toward and touches tester or gets in tester’s lap
Handshyness	Puppy’s reaction to a standing person reaching over its head to pet it	<input type="checkbox"/> HANDSHY Any physical or behavioral response to overhead reach, such as ducking, flinching, squinting, backing away <input type="checkbox"/> NO REACTION No reaction to overhead reach		
Pain Threshold	The lowest level of pain which a puppy reacts to when the webbing between the two middle toes is pinched with fingers, with consistently increasing pressure, 0 being no pressure and 10 being the most pressure the tester can apply	1st FRONT PAW: _____/10 2nd FRONT PAW: _____/10 AVERAGE: _____/10		
		1-----5-----10		
		EXTREMELY PAIN INTOLERANT	MIDDLE OF THE ROAD	EXTREMELY PAIN TOLERANT
Self-Confidence	Assurance; confidence in its own judgment, power and abilities	1-----5-----10		
		NOT CONFIDENT Hesitant, fearful, backward movement and low body carriage	MODERATELY CONFIDENT Rarely fearful or hesitant; neutral body carriage; mostly forward movement	VERY CONFIDENT Relaxed, eager, no fear or hesitation Always upright body carriage and forward movement
		<i>What, if anything, concerned puppy:</i>		

TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE		
Stress Type	Responds to stress with increased or decreased activity	1-----5-----10 STRONGLY NEGATIVE STRESSER Puppy's activity decreased with stress: froze, slowed down, sat or lay down	MIDDLE OF THE ROAD No real change in the puppy's activity under stress	STRONGLY POSITIVE STRESSER Puppy's active increased with stress: did zoomies, hyperactive, fell over, lost control
Three-dimensionality (3D)	Puppy's inherent awareness of objects located above its head	1-----5-----10 NOT 3-D Never looks up, even with encouragement and direction from tester	MODERATELY 3-D Notifies objects overhead with encouragement or direction from tester	EXTREMELY 3-D Independently notices and watches objects overhead regularly during test
TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE		
RELATIVELY TWEAKABLE TRAITS				
Learning Speed	Speed with which puppy learns to solve a problem. (Note: it is the change in speed, if any, between the first and second attempts that indicate how quickly a puppy learns. If you want to compare puppies quantitatively, use the following equation: $\frac{2nd\ attempt - 1st\ attempt}{1st\ attempt} \times 100 =$ % change	1st Attempt: _____ seconds 2nd Attempt: _____ seconds 1-----5-----10 SLOW Puppy takes longer to find breeder the second time as it did the first time		
		MODERATE During the second attempt, the puppy finds breeder 25% faster than the first time	FAST During the second attempt, the puppy finds breeder 50% or faster than the first time (If physically possible)	
		<i>NOTE: If the puppy finds the breeder the first time as fast as is possible, then learning speed is difficult to assess using this scale. Testers should interpret these puppies using their own judgment.</i>		

TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE																				
Patience	The extent to which the puppy calmly waits during periods of inactivity	1-----5-----10 EXTREMELY IMPATIENT Immediately leaves tester and occupies itself with other activities until reengaged by tester	MODERATELY PATIENT Remains in general vicinity of tester; may attempt to reengage tester, may eventually leave	EXTREMELY PATIENT Never leaves tester and waits calmly and quietly until tester reengages																		
Problem Solving Style	Manner in which puppy approaches solving difficult problems	<table border="0" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Noisy</td> <td>Quiet</td> <td>Thoughtful</td> <td>Reckless</td> <td>Engaged</td> <td>Disinterested</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Focused</td> <td>Distracted</td> <td>Frustrated</td> <td>Calm</td> <td>Frenzied</td> <td>Persistent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stressed</td> <td>Thinks before acting</td> <td>Acts before thinking</td> <td colspan="3">Requires Assistance</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>(Circle traits that apply)</i></p>			Noisy	Quiet	Thoughtful	Reckless	Engaged	Disinterested	Focused	Distracted	Frustrated	Calm	Frenzied	Persistent	Stressed	Thinks before acting	Acts before thinking	Requires Assistance		
Noisy	Quiet	Thoughtful	Reckless	Engaged	Disinterested																	
Focused	Distracted	Frustrated	Calm	Frenzied	Persistent																	
Stressed	Thinks before acting	Acts before thinking	Requires Assistance																			
Resilience	Ability to recover from or adjust easily to change or stress	<input type="checkbox"/> Showed no signs of stress during test; could not evaluate resilience 1-----5-----10 NOT RESILIENT Could not recover from stress; shut down completely			MODERATELY RESILIENT Recovered from stress with encouragement and support from tester	VERY RESILIENT Recovered easily from stress																
Sight Sensitivity	Degree of puppy's reaction to the introduction of a unusual visual object	1-----5-----10 VERY SIGHT SENSITIVE Extreme startle with flight; moves as far away from umbrella as possible; may not recover to continue test			MIDDLE OF THE ROAD Startles and approaches object only with encouragement	NOT AT ALL SIGHT SENSITIVE No startle reaction or evidence of even slight stress																

Sound Sensitivity	Degree of puppy's reaction to a loud, unexpected noise	1-----5-----10 VERY SOUND SENSITIVE Extreme startle with flight; moves as far away from source of sound as possible; may or may not recover to continue test	MIDDLE OF THE ROAD Startles and approaches object only with encouragement	NOT AT ALL SOUND SENSITIVE No startle reaction or evidence of even slight stress
Stability	The consistency and appropriateness of a puppy's behaviors while under stress	1-----5-----10 UNSTABLE Inconsistently responds to stressful circumstances; often exhibits inappropriate behaviors while under stress	MODERATELY STABLE Somewhat dependable under stressful circumstances; may exhibit some inappropriate behaviors while under stress	EXTREMELY STABLE Consistently dependable under all circumstances; exhibits only appropriate behaviors while under stress
Stress Level (Nerve)	Amount of mental or emotional strain or tension exhibited during the test	1-----5-----10 HIGHLY STRESSED Shows strong stress indications, e.g., whining, panting, bolting, freezing, fear urination, trying to escape, tucked tail, ears pinned back, crawling, trembling	MODERATELY STRESSED Shows some mild stress indications, e.g., whining, panting, trying to escape, lip licking, whale eye, scratching, yawning	NOT STRESSED Shows no stress indications

TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE		
FOCUS-RELATED TWEAKABLE TRAITS				
Dog Focus	The need to concentrate attention or energy on visible dogs	1-----5-----10 DOG INATTENTIVE Ignores dog	MODERATE DOG FOCUS Greets dog but is easily redirected	DOG OBSESSED Continually greets, watches or engages with dog; very difficult to redirect
Eye Contact	The natural tendency to look people in the eye	1-----5-----10 NO EYE CONTACT Puppy does not ever give eye contact to testers	MODERATE EYE CONTACT Puppy makes eye contact 5 to 6 times during test	HIGH EYE CONTACT Puppy regularly makes eye contact during many parts of the test
Following	The natural tendency to move with and close to a human's legs	1-----5-----10 NO FOLLOWING Puppy does not move with tester	MODERATE FOLLOWING Puppy moves in along with tester but may get distracted by the environment	HIGH FOLLOWING Puppy is often underfoot as it moves with tester
Object Focus	The need to concentrate attention or energy on objects	1-----5-----10 OBJECT INATTENTIVE Ignores objects	MODERATE OBJECT FOCUS Notices objects but is easily redirected	OBJECT OBSESSED Continually engages and notices objects; very difficult to redirect
People Focus (Pack Drive)	Amount of intensity and desire for a connection with people; sociability	1-----5-----10 LOW PACK DESIRE Does not engage tester	MODERATE PACK DESIRE Engages tester when encouraged	HIGH PACK DESIRE Engages tester without encouragement

TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE		
Scent Focus	The need to concentrate attention or energy on scents	1-----5-----10 SCENT INATTENTIVE Ignores scents	MODERATE SCENT FOCUS Notices scents but is easily redirected	SCENT OBSESSED Continually engages and notices scents; very difficult to redirect
Activity Focus	Ability to concentrate attention or energy on a activity	1-----5-----10 ACTIVITY INATTENTIVE Unable to or disinterested in focusing on activity or task	MODERATE ACTIVITY FOCUS Can concentrate on task or activity but is easily distracted	ACTIVITY OBSESSED Pup constantly demands tester works or plays with it
PREY DRIVE-RELATED TWEAKABLE TRAITS				
Food Desire	Level of need and intensity to get food	1-----5-----10 LOW FOOD DESIRE Shows no desire to get food	MODERATE FOOD DESIRE Shows some desire to get food but lacks persistence	HIGH FOOD DESIRE Eagerly and intensely persists in getting food
Play Desire	Level of need and intensity to engage with another in games, such as chase and/or tug-of-war	1-----5-----10 LOW PLAY DESIRE Will not chase any of the play items presented	MODERATE PLAY DESIRE Will chase, pounce or hold but does not play consistently	HIGH PLAY DESIRE Eagerly and intensely chases, grabs and/or pulls back on tug toy every time presented

TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE		
Retrieve Desire	Level of need and intensity to chase, grab, hold and return an item to a person	1-----5-----10		
		LOW RETRIEVE DESIRE Will not chase any of the retrieve items that are thrown	MODERATE RETRIEVE DESIRE Chases items about half the time: may or may not return with item to tester	HIGH RETRIEVE DESIRE Eagerly and intensely chases, grabs and returns with items to tester every time.
Ranking Desires	Relative strength of food, play and retrieve desires	Strongest Desire(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Play	<input type="checkbox"/> Retrieve	<input type="checkbox"/> Food
		Second Strongest Desire <input type="checkbox"/> Play	<input type="checkbox"/> Retrieve	<input type="checkbox"/> Food
		Weakest Desire(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Play	<input type="checkbox"/> Retrieve	<input type="checkbox"/> Food
Switching Between Desires (Food, Play, Retrieve)	Ability to stop pursuing one desire for another, when presented	1-----5-----10		
		DOES NOT SWITCH DESIRES Does not move from one desire to another regardless of tester's effort	SWITCHES DESIRES Moves from one desire to another with a lot of encouragement and/or effort on tester's part	SWITCHES DESIRES EASILY Moves seamlessly between desires without effort on tester's part
OPTIONAL SPORTING BREED-RELATED TRAITS				
TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE		
Birdiness (optional)	Concentrating attention or energy on birds	1-----5-----10		
		BIRD INATTENTIVE Ignores bird so is easily redirected	MODERATE BIRD FOCUS Shows interest in bird but can be redirected	BIRD OBSESSED Physiological response to bird; cannot be redirected from bird

Avidog Puppy Evaluation Test (APET) Score Sheet

Puppy: _____ Litter: _____ Date: _____

This puppy best suited for the following homes according to its temperament?

	Very Poorly Suited	Poorly Suited	Neither Good Nor Bad Match	Well Suited	Very Well Suited
Family Pet (Quiet Home)					
Family Pet (Average Home)					
Family Pet (Active Home)					
Competitive Obedience					
Competitive Agility					
Search and Rescue					
Field Trial Retriever					
Conformation					

Avidog Puppy Evaluation Test (APET) Score Sheet for Puppy: _____ Litter: _____ Date: _____

Training Plan Notes for this Pup