

Avidog Puppy Evaluation Test (APET) Score Sheet

Puppy: _____ Litter: _____ Date: _____

APET Score Sheet

GENERALLY STABLE TEMPERAMENT TRAITS

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| Forgiveness | Reaction to unwarranted adverse behavior or negative emotion from a person | <p>1-----5-----10</p> <p>EXTREMELY UNFORGIVING MODERATELY FORGIVING EXTREMELY FORGIVING</p> <p>Immediately leaves and stays away from tester , Goes away but returns to tester without encouragement Immediately turns toward and touches tester or gets in tester's lap</p> <p>will not engage or return to tester without a lot of encouragement</p> |
| Handshyness | Puppy's reaction to a standing person reaching over its head to pet it | <p><input type="checkbox"/> HANDSHY Any physical or behavioral response to overhead reach, such as ducking, flinching, squinting, backing away</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO REACTION No reaction to overhead reach</p> |
| 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 | <p>1st FRONT PAW: ____/10 2nd FRONT PAW: ____/10 AVERAGE: ____/10</p> <p>1-----5-----10</p> <p>EXTREMELY PAIN INTOLERANT MIDDLE OF THE ROAD EXTREMELY PAIN TOLERANT</p> |
| Self-Confidence | Assurance; confidence in its own judgment, power and abilities | <p>1-----5-----10</p> <p>NOT CONFIDENT MODERATELY CONFIDENT VERY CONFIDENT</p> <p>Hesitant, fearful, backward movement and low body carriage Rarely fearful or hesitant; neutral body carriage; mostly forward movement Relaxed, eager, no fear or hesitation Always upright body carriage and forward movement</p> <p><i>What, if anything, concerned puppy:</i></p> |

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| Stress Type | Responds to stress with increased or decreased activity | <p>1-----5-----10</p> <p>STRONGLY NEGATIVE STRESSER MIDDLE OF THE ROAD STRONGLY POSITIVE STRESSER</p> <p>Puppy's activity decreased with stress: froze, slowed down, sat or lay down No real change in the puppy's activity under stress Puppy's active increased with stress: did zoomies, hyperactive, fell over, lost control</p> |
| Three-dimensionality (3D) | Puppy's inherent awareness of objects located above its head | <p>1-----5-----10</p> <p>NOT 3-D MODERATELY 3-D EXTREMELY 3-D</p> <p>Never looks up, even with encouragement and direction from tester Notices objects overhead with encouragement or direction from tester Independently notices and watches objects overhead regularly during test</p> |
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| RELATIVELY TWEAKABLE TRAITS | | |
| Learning Speed | <p>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.</p> <p>If you want to compare puppies quantitatively, use the following equation:</p> $\frac{2nd\ attempt - 1st\ attempt}{1st\ attempt} \times 100 =$ <p>% change</p> | <p>1st Attempt: _____ seconds 2nd Attempt: _____ seconds</p> <p>1-----5-----10</p> <p>SLOW MODERATE FAST</p> <p>Puppy takes longer to find breeder the second time as it did the first time During the second attempt, the puppy finds breeder 25% faster than the first time During the second attempt, the puppy finds breeder 50% or faster than the first time (If physically possible)</p> <p><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></p> |

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| Patience | The extent to which the puppy calmly waits during periods of inactivity | <div>1-----5-----10</div> <div> EXTREMELY IMPATIENT Immediately leaves tester and occupies itself with other activities until reengaged by tester </div> <div> MODERATELY PATIENT Remains in general vicinity of tester; may attempt to reengage tester, may eventually leave </div> <div> EXTREMELY PATIENT Never leaves tester and waits calmly and quietly until tester reengages </div> |
| Problem Solving Style | Manner in which puppy approaches solving difficult problems | <div> Noisy Quiet Thoughtful Reckless Engaged Disinterested </div> <div> Focused Distracted Frustrated Calm Frenzied Persistent Quits </div> <div> Stressed Thinks before acting Acts before thinking Requires Assistance </div> <div>(Circle traits that apply)</div> |
| 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 |
| | | <div>1-----5-----10</div> <div> NOT RESILIENT Could not recover from stress; shut down completely </div> <div> MODERATELY RESILIENT Recovered from stress with encouragement and support from tester </div> <div> VERY RESILIENT Recovered easily from stress </div> |
| Sight Sensitivity | Degree of puppy's reaction to the introduction of a unusual visual object | <div>1-----5-----10</div> <div> VERY SIGHT SENSITIVE Extreme startle with flight; moves as far away from umbrella as possible; may not recover to continue test </div> <div> MIDDLE OF THE ROAD Startles and approaches object only with encouragement </div> <div> NOT AT ALL SIGHT SENSITIVE No startle reaction or evidence of even slight stress </div> |

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| 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 |

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| 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 Greet dog but is easily redirected | DOG OBSESSED Continually greet, watch or engage 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 engage and notice 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 Engage tester when encouraged | HIGH PACK DESIRE Engage tester without encouragement |

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| 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 |

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

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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 |
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| Family Pet (Quiet Home) | | | | | |
| Family Pet (Average Home) | | | | | |
| Family Pet (Active Home) | | | | | |
| Competitive Obedience | | | | | |
| Competitive Agility | | | | | |
| Search and Rescue | | | | | |
| Field Trial Retriever | | | | | |
| Conformation | | | | | |
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Training Plan Notes for this Pup