

## TEMPERAMENT EVALUATION

The following is only a guideline to use when attempting to evaluate the temperament of an animal that is coming into rescue. It is not all-inclusive. This form uses Excellent, Pass or Fail evaluations.

E = Excellent (no reaction, tail-wagging, licking)

P = Pass (possibly afraid, nervous, uncertain, but basically okay)

F = Fail (growling, snapping, lip curling, wild-eyed, biting)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S AGE (Approximate): \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIPTION OF DOG:

Owner Turn in - \_\_\_\_\_

Stray - \_\_\_\_\_

Shelter Turnover - \_\_\_\_\_

Other - \_\_\_\_\_

### VET CARE:

Altered - yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccinations: Rabies \_\_\_\_\_ DHLPP \_\_\_\_\_

Corona \_\_\_\_\_ Bordatella \_\_\_\_\_

Heartworm: Positive \_\_\_\_\_ Negative \_\_\_\_\_

HW Preventative: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Wormed: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Further vet care required?

yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please

explain: \_\_\_\_\_

### TESTS

STARTLE: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

HUG: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

WALK ON LEASH: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

PLACING FINGERS IN MOUTH TO CHECK

TEETH: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

### TOUCHING

Collar: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Ears: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Face: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Paws: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Tail: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Belly: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Hind End: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

### REACTIONS

Stroking: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Holding: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Brushing: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Nail Clippers: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Lifting: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

### BASIC OBEDIENCE COMMANDS

Sit: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Down: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Come here: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Let's go: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Stay: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

No pull: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Catch: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Fetch: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

### HOME OBSERVATIONS

Marking: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Stairs: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Hands near food bowl: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Take away treats: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Take away toys: E \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

### WITH OTHER DOGS

Tail wags: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Sniffs with caution: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Sniffs eagerly: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Tries to escape: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Tries to dominate: Yes (Sometimes, but not aggressively) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Submits: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (Sometimes) \_\_\_\_\_

Becomes aggressive: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Wants to play: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Does not care: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Curious but cautious: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### IN YARD

Digs: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Investigates: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Climbs: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Runs around: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Keeps close watch on people: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Does his/her business: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Eats objects on ground: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL TEMPERAMENT (Check any that apply):

Happy _____	Loyal _____
Calm _____	Vigilant _____
Destructive _____	Protective _____
Energetic _____	Obedient _____
Playful _____	Cuddly _____
Active _____	Couch Potato _____
Demanding _____	Territorial _____
Quiet _____	Alert _____
Affectionate _____	Curious _____
Gentle _____	Needy _____
Intelligent _____	Timid _____
Tolerant _____	Adaptable _____
Trusting _____	Wary _____
Cautious _____	Unassuming _____
Nervous _____	Aloof _____
Withdrawn _____	Rough _____
Defensive _____	Submissive _____
Domineering _____	Possessive _____
Friendly _____	Outgoing _____
Noisy _____	Clever _____
Restless _____	Other (please explain) _____

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### OTHER ANIMALS

Cats: good \_\_\_\_\_ not good \_\_\_\_\_  
Small dogs: good \_\_\_\_\_ not good \_\_\_\_\_  
Big dogs: good \_\_\_\_\_ not good \_\_\_\_\_

Same sex dogs: good \_\_\_\_\_ not good \_\_\_\_\_  
Opposite sex dogs: good \_\_\_\_\_ not good \_\_\_\_\_

### PEOPLE

Children<8: good \_\_\_\_\_ not good \_\_\_\_\_  
Children>8: good \_\_\_\_\_ not good \_\_\_\_\_  
Men: good \_\_\_\_\_ not good \_\_\_\_\_  
Women: good \_\_\_\_\_ not good \_\_\_\_\_

### APPARENT FEARS

Uniforms: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Noises: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Cars: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Crates: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Brooms: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Vacuum: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Thunder: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Sudden moves: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### TRAINING

Housebroken: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Crate: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Leash: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Harness: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

### PROBLEMS

Climber: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Digger: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Chewer: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Escaper: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Food thief: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Growler: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Biter: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Attacks small animals: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Attacks livestock: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

### FINAL COMMENTS/EVALUATION: