

# Foxhunt's Puppy Evaluation

Puppy's Name/ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## #1 Prey Drive



**Prey Drive**

**With a ball of the appropriate size, get the puppy's attention on the ball then roll the ball across the floor a short distance.**

**EXC** - Puppy runs after the ball, picks it up, maybe shaking it to "kill it" or hits the ball with his paws and continues to chase it and pounce on it to "kill it".

**GOOD** - Puppy runs after the ball and checks it out. He may nose it around a bit and may pick it up if evaluator keeps engaging the puppy's interest.

**FAIR** - Puppy doesn't run after the ball and shows no interest even when enticed several times

**Notes:**

## #2 Retrieve



**Retrieve**

**While the puppy still has the ball, evaluator entices the puppy to bring the ball to him by clapping his hands and calling puppy.**

**EXC** – Brings the ball directly to the evaluator, giving the ball up for more play, may also keep touching evaluator with the ball until the evaluator takes it for more play.

**GOOD** – Brings ball back, but doesn't let the evaluator have it, may run away turn back to try and get the evaluator to chase.

**FAIR** – Won't bring the ball back, ignores the evaluators attempts to entice puppy to bring it back, may run away with ball and drops it when he loses focus.

**Notes:**

**#3 Persistence****Persistence**

**Engage puppy in play with a ball or stuffed toy, place the ball under your foot then entice puppy to get the ball out from under foot.**

**EXC** – Puppy whines, digs and bites at the toy trying to get it out from under the foot, may jump back and bark then pounce on the foot.

**GOOD** – Puppy is somewhat interested if evaluator continues to entice him to get the ball, he may whine a bit and scratch at the foot, but loses interest quickly.

**FAIR** – Puppy completely ignores the evaluators attempt to interest him in the ball, he may sniff the ball, but makes no attempt to try to get the ball, he may try to run off uninterested.

**Notes:****#4 Tug Response****Tug Response**

**Using a rope toy or rag engage puppy's attention to play and tug at the toy.**

**EXC** – Immediately engages in play, pulls and tugs vigorously at the toy. Puppy may growl playfully while shaking his head and trying to pull toy away from evaluator.

**GOOD** – Will engage in play only if encouraged continually by evaluator. Puppy grabs hold of toy, but lets loose quickly, really isn't very interested.

**FAIR** – Puppy ignores all attempts by the evaluator to engage in play, won't grab hold of toy, may try to run off and find something else to do.

**Notes:**

**#5 Possessiveness****Possessiveness**

**While playing tug with the rope toy or the rag, evaluator lets go of toy while puppy is engaging in play.**

**EXC** – Puppy shakes toy as if to “kill it”, may growl, run off for a moment, then return and try to get evaluator to play again or may jump up on evaluator and try to continue play.

**GOOD** – Puppy runs off with toy, but drops it soon after. Will engage in play if evaluator continually entices puppy.

**FAIR** – Puppy drops toy right away, shows no interest in the toy even if evaluator continues to try and entice puppy to play.

**Notes:****#6 Come****Come**

**(Pups 3 mos & under)** Evaluator starts out a few feet from the puppy and claps his hands while calling the puppy & slowly stepping backward.

**(Pups 3 mos & over)** Evaluator has someone hold the puppy while he moves away to 15', then calls the puppy's name to come.

**EXC** - Puppy comes running right away to evaluator, showing he is happy, wagging tail, may jump up, whine or bark.

**GOOD** – Puppy comes to evaluator asking for attention, but may slow down to sniff the ground or stop to scratch along the way.

**FAIR** – Puppy shows no real interest in coming to evaluator, may wander around sniffing or start to come then turn and run the other way. May eventually come.

**Notes:**

**#7 Focus****Focus**

**Using the ball or stuffed toy, entice puppy then bring it up to your face to gain eye contact, try to hold for 20 seconds.**

**EXC** – Puppy holds his focus on the evaluator's face for the entire time, may bark playfully, cock his head trying to understand.

**GOOD** – Puppy holds his focus most of the time, but breaks focus at times due to background distractions.

**FAIR** – Unwilling to look at evaluator's face or looks at evaluator's face, but is easily distracted and needs to be enticed to keep interest.

**Notes:****#8 Restraint****Restraint**

**Pick up puppy and gently place him on his back, hold him as you would a human baby for 40 seconds.**

**EXC** – Puppy lays there quietly and relaxed, he may wiggle a bit to get comfortable, but settles right down and is happy to lay there.

**GOOD** – Puppy lays there quietly for a few seconds, but continues to wiggle around periodically, it's plain to see that he's not thrilled with this exercise.

**FAIR** – Puppy does not want to lay quietly at all, he continuously wiggles around, he may whine and cry to get down.

**Notes:**

**#9 Noise Response****Noise Response**

**Get puppy's interest in a toy and then drop something that will make a loud noise, such as a metal dog dish or slam a door to make a loud noise.**

**EXC** - Puppy doesn't really react, goes right to object to check out the noise and investigates it, may pounce on object and bark playfully.

**GOOD** - Puppy jumps back startled, may run away a few feet, but regains composure quickly and goes to the object to investigate.

**FAIR** – Puppy runs away and looks for a place to hide, may run to evaluator for protection, he wants no part of investigating the noise.

**Notes:****#10 Startled Recovery****Startled Recovery**

**Get puppy's interest in a toy, then pop open the umbrella 6' - 8' from him. Place the open umbrella on the floor.**

**EXC** – Puppy doesn't react to the opening umbrella and right away goes up to the umbrella to investigate it, may smell it then jump at it and bark playfully.

**GOOD** – Puppy jumps back, may even run away a few feet to hide, but immediately recovers and moves toward the umbrella to investigate it.

**FAIR** - Puppy runs away and looks for a place to hide, may run to evaluator for protection, he wants no part of investigating the umbrella.

**Notes:**

## About This Evaluation

Please understand that this is just an evaluation to give us a basic idea of your Foxhunt puppy's personality, his likes, dislikes and to give us an idea of what this puppy may excel in. This is not a pass or fail test, but an evaluation. You must remember that these are only babies and they need to be molded into the wonderful dogs they can become. Your puppy can be everything you want him to be, if you get the professional training help needed and spend the time to train and bond with him. I have provided you with a intelligent, beautiful puppy, the rest is up to you...

## Evaluator's Statement

As one of the evaluators of this litter, I certify that these pups were evaluated by me and that I have marked each exercise truthfully to the best of my ability.

#1 Evaluator's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please Print)

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