

Foxhunt White Shepherds

Where the quality goes in... before the line goes on!



Paws Service Puppy Aptitude Test

Puppy Name: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Tester's Name _____

Tester's Signature: _____

Date of Test: _____

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The PAWS© Working Dog Evaluation

The Test

Prey Drive



Test 1

Prey Drive

Using age appropriate teaser, tester gets dog's attention and throws the teaser a short distance away. (Note: roll teaser with younger puppies.)

- EXC Puppy runs to teaser and immediately snatches up, perhaps shaking to "kill" it.
 - OK Puppy runs to teaser and checks it out. May pick up toy if thrown repeatedly.
 - IND Puppy doesn't run to teaser or shows no interest.
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Retrieve



Test 2

Retrieve

After puppy gets teaser, tester encourages puppy to bring back by jogging backwards and calling.

- EXC Immediately brings back and spits out toy for more play.
 - OK Brings back but doesn't give up toy.
 - OK Brings back but darts out of reach, wanting you to chase.
 - IND Doesn't bring back.
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Persistence



Test 3

Hunt Drive (Persistence)

Hide teaser under foot or in hands (just barely showing) and encourage puppy to find.

- EXC Digs, mouths, and whines for toy.
 - OK Nudges and uses paws for toy.
 - IND Tries halfheartedly or not at all.
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Test 4

Tug Response

Using towel, booda, or rag, tease puppy and allow to grab.

- EXC Immediately grabs and tugs vigorously.
 - OK Grabs with repeated teasing and/or encouragement, lets go.
 - IND Grabs only if repeatedly teased. Won't hold on.
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Possessiveness



Test 5 (P&S)

Possessiveness

Tester lets go of tug while in puppy's mouth.

- EXC Shakes toy to "kill" it, tries to engage tester to play again.
 - EXC Shakes toy to "kill" it, runs away with toy.
 - OK Runs away with toy, drops soon after.
 - IND Drops immediately.
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Recall

Test 6

Follow (puppies 3 months & under)--Tester calls puppy and jogs backwards while clapping softly.

Recall (puppies over 3 months)--Helper restrains dog while tester jogs backwards and calls dog's name one time.

- EXC Runs to tester, ramming shoulder into tester's leg or jumping up.
- EXC Runs to tester and solicits affection.
- OK Jogs to tester, nudging or looking for attention.
- IND Jogs to tester & leaves, or doesn't come at all.



Test 7

Attention Span

Using age appropriate teaser, get dog's attention and bring teaser to tester's face level. Use teaser sparingly to maintain eye/facial contact with puppy for 30 seconds.

- EXC Willingly looks at tester's face and toy for duration. Cocks head to listen.
- EXC Watches tester for duration, looking away briefly if background distractions interfere.
- OK Watches tester but needs to be re-engaged a few times.
- IND Easily distracted or unwilling to look at tester's face.

For more information on the PAWS Working Dog Evaluation, please e-mail me at paws@redtaildesign.com. Please do *not* e-mail me with "my dog aced your test now whatdoido?" questions!

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