

| TEST | PURPOSE | ACCEPTABLE RESPONSES | NEGATIVE RESPONSE |
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| <p>Crouch down, and from a few feet away, coax the puppy to you by clapping your hands or making “kissy” sounds.</p> | <p>To test overall confidence and level of interest in social interaction</p> | <p>Came readily, tail up and/or wagging</p> <p>Came readily, tail in a neutral position</p> | <p>Came readily, but jumped all over you and nipped at your hands, clothes, etc.</p> <p>Came readily, but urinated submissively upon approaching you</p> <p>Seemed indifferent and distracted and did not come at all</p> |
| <p>Stand up and walk away from the pup in a normal manner. Make sure the pup sees you walk away.</p> | <p>To test the level of dependence. Not following indicates a more independent dog - possibly stubborn and/or indifferent to human companionship.</p> | <p>Followed readily, tail up</p> <p>Followed with a little bit of coaxing, tail up</p> | <p>Followed readily, tail up, but jumped up on you and bit at your feet/ankles/pant legs.</p> <p>Followed hesitantly, seemed wary</p> <p>No follow at all and/or went in opposite direction</p> |
| <p>Crouch down and gently roll the pup on his back and hold down with one hand for a full 30 seconds. Alternatively, you could cradle the pup in your arm on its back.</p> <p>Try to hold eye contact.</p> | <p>To test the degree of dominant or submissive tendencies and how it accepts stress, when socially/physically challenged and dominated</p> | <p>Relaxed body</p> <p>No struggle</p> <p>Lots of eye contact</p> | <p>Fierce struggling</p> <p>Growling</p> <p>Biting</p> <p>No eye contact</p> <p>Rigid body</p> |

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| <p>Let pup stand up and gently pet him from the head to back while you crouch beside him.</p> <p>Continue petting until a recognizable behavior is established</p> | <p>Degree of acceptance of social dominance.</p> <p>Pup may try to dominate by jumping and nipping or display independence by trying to walk away.</p> | <p>Cuddles up to you and tries to lick your face.</p> <p>Cuddles up to you and leans into you</p> <p>Sits quietly and enjoys the petting</p> | <p>Jumping Nipping Pawing Growling Biting Squirming nonstop Rigid body Runs away</p> |
| <p>Bend over and cradle the pup under its belly, fingers interlaced, palms up and elevate it just off the ground.</p> <p>Hold it there for 30 seconds.</p> | <p>Degree of accepting dominance while in position of no control.</p> | <p>No struggle</p> <p>Relaxed</p> <p>Limp body</p> <p>Licks at hands</p> | <p>Fierce struggling</p> <p>Growling</p> <p>Biting</p> |
| <p>Crouch beside pup and attract its attention with a toy.</p> <p>When the pup shows interest and is watching, toss the toy 4-6 feet in front of pup.</p> | <p>Degree of interest and willingness to work with a human.</p> | <p>Chases toy and returns it to you</p> <p>Chases toy and returns to you without it</p> <p>Chases toy, stands over the toy but does not return it</p> | <p>Chases toy, picks it up and runs away</p> <p>Starts to chase toy, loses interest</p> <p>Does not chase toy</p> <p>Runs away</p> |
| <p>Hold the pup in your lap or sit next to it. Gently manipulate the pup's paws by touching its pads, separating its toes and pressing on the webbing in between.</p> | <p>Degree of sensitivity to touch.</p> | <p>Allows this touching exercise</p> <p>Accepts the touching, but slightly squirms</p> | <p>Fierce struggling</p> <p>Growling</p> <p>Biting</p> |

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| <p>Place pup in the center of area, you or an assistant make a sharp noise a few feet from the puppy.</p> <p>For example, drop something heavy onto the floor or hit two metal items together</p> | <p>Degree of sensitivity to sound.</p> <p>Also can be a basic test for deafness.</p> | <p>Listens, locates sound, shows curiosity and walks toward sound</p> <p>Listens, locates the sound, does not bark</p> <p>Brief barking</p> | <p>Listens, locates sound, walks toward it barking uncontrollably</p> <p>Cringes, backs off, hides</p> <p>Ignores sound, shows no curiosity</p> |
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