

Avidog Puppy Evaluation Test (APET) Score Sheet

Puppy: _____SPROUT Litter: I LITTER Date: 10/17/20 **APET Score Sheet GENERALLY STABLE TEMPERAMENT TRAITS** DEFINITION TRAIT **SCORE** Assertiveness--The degree to which a puppy is People bold and self-assured with familiar RESERVED MIDDLE OF THE ROAD FORWARD and unfamiliar people So restrained and Initially greets tester low but Lacking restraint; with encouragement gets presumptuous, bold with reticent that it does not into lap but never approaches both familiar and unfamiliar greet tester tester's face; may be more people, e.g., greets by assertive with familiar people getting in lap and leaping into tester's face The degree to which a puppy is Assertiveness-bold and self-assured with familiar Dogs and unfamiliar dogs RESERVED MIDDLE OF THE ROAD **FORWARD** Greets confidently with Lacking restraint; So restrained and appropriate restraint, keeping presumptuous, bold with reticent that it does not all feet on the ground; may both familiar and unfamiliar greet dog be more assertive with dogs, e.g., greets by climbing familiar dogs 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	NOTMODERATELY BIDDABLEEXTREMELYBIDDABLEAttempts to work with and/or understand tester's words and motions about half the time; gets frustrated or distracted sometimesIntensely focused on working with and/or understanding testers requests throughout
Courage	Mental strength to persevere despite fear or difficulty	LACKS COURAGEMODERATELY COURAGEOUSShuts down in the face of all frightening or difficult situationsAttempts to approach and engage some frightening or
Energy Level	Capacity and need for vigorous physical and mental activity	LOW ENERGYMODERATE ENERGYHIGH ENERGYLies down or sits during most of test; only walks when movingTrots most of test, may stop moving a few timesNever stops running to pounce and jump
Environmental Focus	The need to concentrate attention or energy on surroundings	ENVIRONMENT INATTENTIVE Ignores environmentMODERATE ENVIRONMENT FOCUSENVIRONMENT 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	EXTREMELY UNFORGIVING Immediately leaves and stays away from tester , will not engage or return to tester without a lot of encouragementMODERATELY FORGIVING Goes away but returns to
Handshyness	Puppy's reaction to a standing person reaching over its head to pet it	 HANDSHY Any physical or behavioral response to overhead reach, such as ducking, flinching, squinting, backing away NO REACTION No reaction to overhead reach
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	1 st FRONT PAW: 5 /10 2 nd FRONT PAW: 7.00 /10 AVERAGE: 6.0 /10 EXTREMELY PAIN INTOLERANT
Self-Confidence	Assurance; confidence in its own judgment, power and abilities	NOT CONFIDENTMODERATELY CONFIDENTVERY CONFIDENTHesitant, fearful, backward movement and low body carriageMODERATELY CONFIDENT Rarely fearful or hesitant; neutral body carriage; mostly forward movementVERY CONFIDENT Relaxed, eager, no fear or hesitation Always upright body carriage and forward movementWhat, if anything, concerned puppy:movementmovement

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Stress Type	Responds to stress with increased or decreased activity	STRONGLY NEGATIVE STRESSER Puppy's activity decreased with stress: froze, slowed down, sat or lay down	W	STRONGLY POSITIVE STRESSER Puppy's active increased with stress: did zoomies, peractive, fell over, lost control
Three- dimensionality (3D)	Puppy's inherent awareness of objects located above its head	NOT 3-D Never looks up, even with encouragement and direction from tester	MODERATELY 3-D Notices objects overhead with encouragement or direction from tester ov	EXTREMELY 3-D Independently notices and watches objects verhead regularly during test
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	F	RELATIVELY TWEAKABLE	TRAITS	
Learning Speed	Speed with which puppy learns to solve a problem. (Note: it is the change in speed, if any, between	1st Attempt: 35	seconds 2nd Attempt: <u>6</u>	seconds

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The extent to which the puppy calmly waits during periods of inactivity	EXTREMELY IMPATIENTMODERATELY PATIENTEXTREMELY PATIENTImmediately leaves tester and occupies itself with other activities until reengaged by testerMODERATELY PATIENTEXTREMELY PATIENTmoderately leaves and occupies itself with other activities until reengaged by testerMODERATELY PATIENT
Manner in which puppy approaches solving difficult problems	Noisy Disinterested Quiet Focused Thoughtful Distracted Reckless Frustrated Engaged Calm Frenzied Acts before thinking Reckless
Ability to recover from or adjust easily to change or stress	Showed no signs of stress during test; could not evaluate resilienceImage: Showed no signs of stress during test; could not evaluate resilienceImage: Showed not recover from stress with stress; shut down encouragement and support completelyImage: Showed not recover from stress with encouragement and support stress
Degree of puppy's reaction to the introduction of a unusual visual object	VERY SIGHT SENSITIVEMIDDLE OF THE ROADNOT SIGHT SENSITIVE NoExtreme startle with flight; moves as far away from umbrella as possible; may not recover to continue testMIDDLE OF THE ROAD startles and approaches object only with encouragementNOT SIGHT SENSITIVE No startle reaction or evidence of even slight stress
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Sound Sensitivity	Degree of puppy's reaction to a loud, unexpected noise			
		VERY SOUND SENSITIVE Extreme startle with flight; moves as far away from 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	stressful circumstances; st	MODERATELY STABLE omewhat dependable under tressful 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	HIGHLY STRESSED Shows strong stress indications, e.g., whining, panting, bolting, freezing, fear urination, trying to escape, tucked tail, ears pinned, crawling, trembling	MODERATELY STRESSED Shows some mild stress indications, e.g., whining, panting, trying to escape, lip licking, whale eye, scratching, yawning	

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	FOCUS-RELATED TWEAKABLE TRAITS			
Dog Focus	The need to concentrate attention or energy on visible dogs	DOG INATTENTIVE Ignores dog	MODERATE DOG FOCUSDOG OBSESSEDGreets dog but is easily redirectedContinually greets, engages with dog; cannot redirect	
Eye Contact	The natural tendency to look people in the eye	NO EYE CONTACT Puppy does not give eye contact to testers	MODERATE EYE CONTACTHIGH EYE CONTACTPuppy makes eye contact 5 to 6 times during testPuppy regularly makes eye contact during test	
Following	The natural tendency to move with and close to a human's legs	NO FOLLOWING Puppy does not move with tester	MODERATE FOLLOWINGPuppy moves along with tester, may get distracted by the environment	
Object Focus	The need to concentrate attention or energy on objects	OBJECT INATTENTIVE Ignores objects	MODERATE OBJECT FOCUS OBJECT OBSESSED Notices objects but is easily redirected Continually engages and notices objects; difficult to redirect	
People Focus (Pack Drive)	Amount of intensity and desire for a connection with people; sociability	LOW PACK DESIRE Does not engage tester	MODERATE PACK DESIRE Engages tester when encouragedHIGH PACK DESIRE tester without encouragement	

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Scent Focus	The need to concentrate attention or energy on scents	SCENT INATTENTIVE Ignores scents	MODERATE SCENT FOCUS Notices scents but is easily	SCENT SCENT OBSESSED Continually engages and notices scents; very difficult to redirect
Activity Focus	Ability to concentrate attention or energy on a activity	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 I	DRIVE-RELATED TWEAK	ABLE TRAITS	
Food Desire	Level of need and intensity to get food	LOW FOOD DESIRE Shows no desire to get food	MODERATE FOOD DESIRE Shows some desire to get	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	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	retrieve items that are thrownChases items about half the time: may or may notchases returns wi	EVE DESIRE d intensely , grabs and th items to every time.	
Ranking Desires	Relative strength of food, play and retrieve desires	Strongest Desire(s) Play Retrieve Second Strongest Desire Play Retrieve Weakest Desire(s) Play Retrieve	 Food Food Food 	
Switching Between Desires (Food, Play, Retrieve)	Ability to stop pursuing one desire for another, when presented	DOES NOT SWITCH SWITCHES DESIRES DESIRES Moves from one desire to Does not move from one another with a lot of	y between	
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TRAIT	DEFINITION	SCORE		
Birdiness (optional)	Concentrating attention or energy on birds	BIRD INATTENTIVEMODERATE BIRD FOCUSBIRDIgnores bird so is easily redirectedShows interest in bird but can be redirectedPhysiological redirected	•	

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This puppy best suited for the following homes according to its temperament?

	Very Poorly Suited	Poorly Suited	Neutral Match	Well Suited	Very Well Suited
Family Pet (Quiet Home)					
Family Pet (Average Home)					
Family Pet (Active Home)					
Competitive Obedience					
Agility or Impact Sports					
Scent Based Sports					
Therapy or Support Work					
Protection Sports					
Conformation					

EVALUATION SUMMARY

SPROUT is a typical middle of the road dog who is very stable and confident. He adapts to change with relative ease and is fundamentally drawn to people. His philosophy for people and especially other dogs is that, "There are no strangers, just those who don't realize how awesome I am yet." This means he needs some assistance being appropriate to both people and dogs. His intelligence and people focus support him being easily trained, however his mid-level energy and relaxed attitude do not make him a good candidate for higher end performance sports. He has a naturally high scent drive which makes him an ideal candidate for scenting or nose work sports. He is a well-rounded companion who needs a bit of good foundational training in focus work, eye contact, and basic manners. Working on his foundations and establishing routines will build the boundaries and manners he needs to be the ultimate family member who is a joy to own.

Training Do's:

Use his natural love of people and work to build focus in every situation. He's an outgoing boy and needs to learn how to be dependable no matter what comes around the corner. https://bit.ly/PuppyDistractions

His overwhelming desire to be best friends with other dogs means he needs to learn healthy boundaries and how to respect their space. To keep him safe and keep your own sanity, use these exercises to prevent strange dog problems from developing. http://bit.ly/PuppyLeash

Training Don'ts

Punishment, heavy handedness, or negative reinforcement will get you nowhere with this guy. He feeds off of positivity, food, and good times. Negativity and punishment will be a surefire way for him to come to the conclusion that working with you is simply not worth it.