

Puppy Aptitude Test

Birch – Red Collar Boy

Scoring The Results:

Following are the responses you will see and the score assigned to each particular response. You will see some variations and will have to make a judgement on what score to give them.

Test	Response	Score
Social Attraction	Came readily, tail up, jumped, bit at hands	1
	Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands	2
	Came readily, tail up	3
	Came readily, tail down	4
	Came hesitantly, tail down	5
	Did not come at all	6
Following	Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot, bit at feet	1
	Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot	2
	Followed readily, tail up	3
	Followed readily, tail down	4
	Followed hesitantly, tail down	5
	Did not follow or went away	6
Restraint	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit	1
	Struggled fiercely, flailed	2
	Settled, struggled, settled with some eye contact	3
	Struggled, then settled	4
	No struggle	5
	No struggle, strained to avoid eye contact	6
Social Dominance	Jumped, pawed, bit, growled	1
	Jumped, pawed	2
	Cuddled up to tester and tried to lick face	3
	Squirmed, licked at hands	4
	Rolled over, licked at hands	5
	Went away and stayed away	6

Test	Response	Score
Elevation Dominance	Struggled fiercely, tried to bite	1
	Struggled fiercely	2
	Struggled, settled, struggled, settled	3
	No struggle, relaxed	4
	No struggle, body still	5
	No struggle, body froze	6
Retrieving	Chased object, picked it up and ran away	1
	Chased object, stood over it and did not return	2
	Chased object, picked it up and returned it to tester	3
	Chased object, returned without it to tester	4
	Started to chase object, lost interest	5
	Does not chase object	6
Touch Sensitivity	8-10 count before response	1
	6-8 count before response	2
	5-6 count before response	3
	3-5 count before response	4
	2-3 count before response	5
	1-2 count before response	6
Sound Sensitivity	Listened, located sound and ran toward it barking	1
	Listened, located sound and walked slowly toward it	2
	Listened, located sound and showed curiosity	3
	Listened and located sound	4
	Cringed, backed off and hid behind tester	5
	Ignored sound and showed no interest	6
Sight Sensitivity	Looked, attacked and bit object	1
	Looked and put feed on object and put mouth on it	2
	Looked with curiosity, investigated, tail up	3
	Looked with curiosity, tail down	4
	Ran away or hid behind tester	5
	Hid behind tester	6
Stability	Looked, ran to umbrella, smelled it cautiously	1
	Looked, walked to umbrella, smelled it cautiously	2
	Looked and went to investigate	3
	Sat and looked, did not move toward umbrella	4
	Showed little or no interest	5
	Ran away from the umbrella	6

The tests consist of the following:

Social Attraction – degree of social attraction to people, confidence, or dependence.

Following – willingness to follow a person.

Restraint – degree of dominant or submissive tendency, and ease of handling in difficult situations.

Social Dominance – degree of acceptance of social dominance by a person.

Elevation – degree of accepting dominance while in a position of no control, such as at the veterinarian or groomer.

Retrieving – degree of willingness to do something for you. Together with Social Attraction and Following, a key indicator for ease or difficulty in training.

Touch Sensitivity – degree of sensitivity to touch and a key indicator to the type of training equipment required.

Sound Sensitivity – degree of sensitivity to sound, such as loud noises or thunderstorms.

Sight Sensitivity – degree of response to a moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels.

Stability – degree of startle response to a strange object.

What do the scores mean?**Mostly 1's:**

Strong desire to be pack leader, not shy.

Has a predisposition to be aggressive to people and other dogs and may bite.

Should be placed in a very experience home where the dog will be trained and worked with on a regular basis.

Mostly 2's:

Leadership aspirations.

May be hard to manage and has the capacity to bite.

Has lots of self-confidence.

Should be placed in and experienced home.

Needs a strict schedule and lots of exercise and training.

Has potential to be a great show dog.

Mostly 3's:

Can be a high-energy dog and may need lots of exercise.

Good with people and other animals.

Needs training, does very well at it and learns quickly.

Great dog for a second time owner.

Mostly 4's:

The kind of dog that makes the perfect pet.

Best choice for the first time owner.

Easy to train and rather quiet.

Good with elderly people and children.

Mostly 5's:

Fearful, shy, and needs special handling.

Will run away at the slightest stress in its life.

Strange people, strange places, different floor or ground surfaces may upset it.

Often afraid of loud noises and terrified of thunder storms.

Needs an environment that doesn't change too much.

Mostly 6's:

So independent that he doesn't need you or other people.

Doesn't care if he is trained or not – he is his own person. Not likely to bond to you.