## VOLHARD PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

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| Socil atraction |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Place puppy in test area about four feet from the tester. Tester kneels, leans backwards and coaxes the pup to her/him by clapping hands |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Shows degree of social atrraction to people, confidence, or dependence, pack diviv. | Cam crativaididom. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The tester stands up and slowly walks away encouraging the puppy to follow. Make sure the pup sees you walk away. Coax puppy to follow |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| by talkng toit and a arraciong it's attention. | Folume crasalvailue. |  | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 3 |
| Shows wilingness to tollow a person. Pack Dive | Folume ratais, billown. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| RESTRANT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The tester crouches down and gently rolls the pup on it's back and holds it down with light pressure with one hand for 30 seconds. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Degree of dominance or submissive tendancy, and ease of handiling in |  |  | 3 | 3 |  | 3 |  | 33 |  | 33 | 33 |  |
| dificul sistaions. |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
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| SOCIAL DOMINANCE | Jmpec, pamad bit prowed | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Puppy sits or stands on crouching tester's left side and tester gently strokes it from the head to the back. Continue stroking until a | Sumoca, ama. |  |  | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |  |
| recognizable behavior is established. |  |  | 3 |  |  | 3 |  |  | 33 |  |  | 33 |
| Degree of acceperancree of social dominance by a person. |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pack Dive | Rolus ower ckerat hande | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ELEVATION DOMINANCE | Struggled fiercely, wried to bite. | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The tester cradies the pup under it's chest, with both hands, fingers interiaced, palms up and genty ifts it two feet off the ground and holds | Struggled fiercely. | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| here for 30 seconds. | Struggled, setted. Struggled setilied. | ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fight or Fight Drive | No struggle, reluxed. | 4 | 4 | 4 |  | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
|  | No struggle, body stit. | 5 |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | No struggle, roze. | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RETRIEVNG | Chased object, picked it up and ran away. | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The tester crouches beside the pup and atracts its attention with a crumpled up piece of paper. When the pup shows some interest, the | Chased object, stood over it, and did not retum. | 2 |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| tester tosses the paper no more than four feet in front of the pup, encouraging it to retrieve the paper. | Chased object and returned with it to the tester. | 3 | 3. | 3 |  | 3 | 3 |  |  | 3 | 3 |  |
| Degree of willingness to do something for you. Together with social | Chased object and returned without it to tester. | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 4 |
| atsaccon and followng, a key indicalor for ease or dinculy in vaining. | Slarted to chase object, lost interest. | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prey Dive. | Did not chase object. | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOUCH SENSITIVITY | $8-10$ counts before response. | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The tester locates the webbing of one of the puppy's front paws and presses it lighty between his index finger and thumb. The tester | 6-7 counts before response. | 2 | , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| gradually increases pressure while counting to 10 and stops the pressure when the puppy pulls away or shows discomfort. | 58 counts before response. | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Do not use fingernais! | 24 counts before response. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Degree of sensitvity to touch and a key indicator to the type of training equipment required equipment required. | 2.3 counts before eesponse. | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SOUND SENSTTIVITY | Listened, located sound, walked toward il barking. | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The puppy is placed in the center of the testing area and an assistant stationed at the perimeter makes a sharp noise, such as banging a | Listened, located sound, barked. | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| metal spoon on the bottom of a metal pan. | Listened, located sound, showed curiosity and walked toward sound. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| Degree of sensitvity to sounds. (Also a rudimentary test for deafness) | Listened, located the sound. | 4 |  |  |  | 4 | $4$ | 4 | $14$ |  |  |  |
| Prey Drive | Cringed, backed off, hid | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | rgnored sound, showed no currosily. | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| SIGHT SENSITIVITY | Looked, attacked and bit. | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The puppy is placed in the center of the testing area. The tester ties a string around a bath towel and jerks it across the floor two feet away | Looked, barked and tail up. | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Degree of response to a moving obiect such as chasing bicycles, | Looked curiously, attempted to investigate. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| children or squirrels. | Looked, barked, tail-fuck | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prey Drive. | Ren eway, tid. | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| STABILITY | Looked and ran to the umbrella mouthing or biting it. | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| An umbreila is opened about five feet from the puppy and gently placed on the ground. | Looked and waked to the umbrella, smelling it cautiously. | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Degree of starte response to a strange object. | Looked and went to investigate. | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - |  | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Fight and Fight Drive. | Sat and looked, but did not move toward the umbrella. | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | $4$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ran away from the umbrellia. | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Showed no interest. | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Structure $1 / C N 1$ | The puppy is correct in structure. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | The puppy has a slight fault or deviation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | The puppy has an extreme fault or deviation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## INTERPRETING THE SCORES

## Mostly 1's

A puppy that consistently scores a 1 in the temperament section of the test is an extremely dominant, aggressive puppy who can easily be provoked to bite. This puppy is high in Fight Drive. His dominant nature will attempt to resist human leadership, thus requiring only the most experienced of handlers. This puppy is a poor choice for most individuals and will do best in a working situation as a guard or police dog.

## Mostly 2's

This pup is dominant and self-assured, also high in Fight Drive. He can be provoked to bite; however he readily accepts human leadership that is firm, consistent and knowledgeable. This is not a dog for a tentative, indecisive individual. In the right hands, he has the potential to become a fine working or show dog and could fit into an adult household, provided the owners know what they are doing.

## Mostly 3's

This pup is outgoing and friendly and will adjust well in situations in which he receives regular training and exercise. High in Pack Drive, he has a flexible temperament that adapts well to different types of environment, provided he is handled correctly. May be too much dog for a family with small children or an elderly couple who are sedentary.

## Mostly 4's

A pup that scores a majority of 4's is an easily controlled, adaptable puppy whose submissive nature and high Pack Drive will make him continually look to his master for leadership. This pup is easy to train, reliable with kids, and, though he lacks self-confidence, makes a wonderful family pet. He is usually less outgoing than a pup scoring in the 3 's, but his demeanor is gentle and affectionate.

## Mostly 5's

This is a pup who is extremely submissive, high in Flight Drive and lacking in self-confidence. He bonds very closely with his owner and requires regular companionship and encouragement to bring him out of himself. If handled incorrectly, this pup will grow up very shy and fearful. For this reason, he will do best in a predictable, structured lifestyle with owners who are patient and not overly demanding, such as an elderly couple.

## Mostly 6's

A puppy that scores 6 consistently is independent, low in Pack Drive and uninterested in people. He will mature into a dog who is not demonstrably affectionate and who has a low need for human companionship. In general, it is rare to see properly socialized pups test this way; however there are several breeds that have been bred for specific tasks (such as basenjis, hounds, and some northern breeds) which can exhibit this level of independence. To perform as intended, these dogs require a singularity of purpose that is not compromised by strong attachments to their owner.

