

TEMPERAMENT TEST ASSOCIATES

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THE TEN SUBTESTS

TESTS #1, #2, #3 - Behaviour Toward Strangers

Objective: To determine the dog's reaction to strangers in a non-threatening situation.

TEST#1 Neutral Stranger - A stranger approaches but ignores the dog.

TEST #2 Friendly Stranger - A stranger approaches and is friendly to the dog.

TEST #3 Crowd - The dog is surrounded by a group of people.

TESTS #4, #5 - Reaction to Acoustic Stimuli

Objective: To test the dog's reaction to two acoustic stimuli, and to measure the dog's investigative behaviour. This test shows alertness and curiosity.

TEST #4 Hidden Clattering - A noise is heard but not seen.

TEST #5 Gun Test - A gun is fired out of sight of the dog.

Test #6 - Reaction to a Visual Stimulus

Objective: To test the dog's reaction to a sudden visual stimulus. To measure the dog's investigative behaviour and the startle-recovery time.

Test #6 Umbrella Test - An umbrella is opened in the dog's line of vision.

Test #7 - Reaction to Unusual Footing

Objective - To measure the dog's reaction to unusual footing.

Test #7 Footing - The dog is walked over an uncomfortable surface.

Test #8, #9, #10 - Self Protectiveness/Aggressive Reaction

Objective - To test the dog's capacity to focus on an unusual stimulus (#8), to recognize a threat (#9), and to react in the face of a threat (#10).

Test #8 Recognizes Stimuli - The dog notices unusual behaviour in its line of vision.

Test #9 Recognizes Threat - The unusual behaviour approaches the dog.

Test #10 Dog is Threatened - The behaviour poses a threat.