

# Hy-Verta

Obedience Training

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## Puppy Aptitude Test

Puppy \_\_\_\_\_

Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Whelp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

		<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Social Attraction</b>			
<b>Purpose:</b> Degree of attraction to people		1 - Comes readily, tail up, jump, bites at hands 2 - Comes readily, tail up, paws, licks hands 3 - Comes readily, tail up 4 - Comes readily, tail down 5 - Comes hesitantly, tail down 6 - Does not come at all	
<b>Method:</b> Place puppy in testing area 4 feet from tester, then coaxes puppy.			
<b>Following</b>			
<b>Purpose:</b> Degree of willingness to follow human leadership		1 - Follows readily, tail up, gets underfoot, bites at feet 2 - Follows readily, tail up, gets underfoot 3 - Follows readily, tail up 4 - Follows readily, tail down 5 - Follows hesitantly, tail down 6 - Does not follow or went away	
<b>Method:</b> Stand up and walk away from puppy, encouraging verbally			
<b>Restraint</b>			
<b>Purpose:</b> Degree of dominance or submission. Response to social / physical dominance		1 - Struggles fiercely, flails, bites 2 - Struggles fiercely, flails 3 - Struggles on and off, settles with eye contact 4 - Slight struggle, then settles 5 - No Struggle, tail tucked 6 - No Struggle, strains to avoid eye contact	
<b>Method:</b> Gently roll the puppy on his back and hold for 30 seconds			
<b>Social Dominance</b>			
<b>Purpose:</b> Degree of acceptance of human social dominance. How "forgiving" the puppy is.		1 - Jumps, paws, bites, growls 2 - Jumps, paws, licks 3 - Cuddles up to tester, licks face 4 - Sits quietly, accepts petting, nudges / licks hands 5 - Rolls over, no eye contact 6 - Goes away and stays away	
<b>Method:</b> Puppy sits facing tester at 45 deg angle. Tester strokes puppy and puts face close to the puppy.			
<b>Elevation Dominance</b>			
<b>Purpose:</b> Degree of dominance acceptance while in position of no control		1 - Struggles fiercely, bites 2 - Struggles 3 - No Struggle, Relaxed, Tail wags 4 - No Struggle, Relaxed 5 - No Struggle 6 - No Struggle, Frozen, Tail / Rear legs Tense	
<b>Method:</b> Cradle puppy under belly, fingers interlaced, elevate just off the ground for 30 seconds.			
<b>Retrieving (Obedience Aptitude)</b>			
<b>Purpose:</b> Degree of willingness to work with humans. High correlation between ability to retrieve and successful guide dogs, obedience dogs, and field trial dogs.		1 - Chases object, picks it up and runs away 2 - Chases object, stands over it, does not return 3 - Chases object, picks it up and returns to tester 4 - Chases object, returns to tester without object 5 - Starts to chase object, loses interest 6 - Does not chase	
<b>Method:</b> Attract puppy's attention with crumpled paper ball and toss paper 4 feet away. When puppy goes after it, encourage them to bring it back.			

<b>Touch Sensitivity</b>		
<p><b>Purpose:</b> Degree of sensitivity to touch.</p> <p><b>Method:</b> Take webbing of one front foot and press between finger and thumb lightly. Gradually increase pressure on scale from 1 to 10. Stop as soon as the puppy shows discomfort.</p>	<p>1 - 9 to 10 counts before response 2 - 7 to 8 counts before response 3 - 5 to 6 counts before response 4 - 3 to 4 counts before response 5 - 1 to 2 counts before response</p>	
<b>Sound Sensitivity</b>		
<p><b>Purpose:</b> Degree of sensitivity to sound.</p> <p><b>Method:</b> Place puppy in center of testing area and make a sharp noise a few feet away. A large metal spoon struck sharply on a metal pan twice works well.</p>	<p>1 - Locates sound, charges towards it 2 - Locates sound, barks 3 - Locates sound, shows curiosity, walks towards it 4 - Locates the sound 5 - Cringes, backs off, hides 6 - Ignores sounds, shows no interest or curiosity</p>	
<b>Chase Instinct</b>		
<p><b>Purpose:</b> Degree of response to moving object; chase instinct.</p> <p><b>Method:</b> Tie a string around a towel and drag it in front of the puppy, bounce it back and froth from side to side.</p>	<p>1 - Looks, attacks, bites 2 - Looks, barks, tail up 3 - Looks curiously, attempts to investigate 4 - Looks, does not go forward, tail down 5 - Runs away, hides 6 - Ignores, shows now curiosity</p>	
<b>Stability</b>		
<p><b>Purpose:</b> Degree of intelligent response to strange object.</p> <p><b>Method:</b> Place puppy in center of testing area. Closed umbrella is held 4 feet away and pointed perpendicular to the direction the puppy faces. The umbrella is opened and set down so the puppy can investigate.</p>	<p>1 - Walks forward, tail up, bites 2 - Walks forward, tail up, mouths 3 - Walks forward, attempts to investigate 4 - Looks curiously, stays put 5 - Goes away, tail down, hides 6 - Ignores, shows no curiosity</p> <p>NOTE: Puppies frequently startle upon seeing the umbrella open. Score pup's response after umbrella is set down.</p>	
<b>Energy Level</b>		
<p><b>Purpose:</b> Degree of physical energy.</p> <p><b>Method:</b> Observe pup on other tests and score according to most frequent activity observed. Check with breeder for confirmation.</p>	<p><b>High</b> – Continually runs, pounces, wiggles, paws <b>Medium</b> – Mostly trots, occasionally runs, pounces, wiggles <b>Low</b> – Walks slowly, sits quietly, usually remains in position <b>Stress</b> – Stands rigidly, eyes roll, tail down, ears back</p>	
<b>Structure</b>		
<p><b>Purpose:</b> Degree of structural soundness. Good structure is necessary.</p> <p><b>Method:</b> Gently set puppy in natural stance and evaluate structure in the following catagores.</p>	<p><b>GOOD</b> – The puppy is correct <b>Fair</b> – The puppy has a slight fault of deviation <b>Poor</b> – The puppy has an extreme fault of deviation</p>	



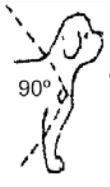
Straight Front



Straight Rear



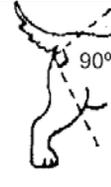
Shoulder Layback



Front Angulation



Croup Angulation



Rear Angulation