



Volhard - Puppy Aptitude Test

Tester

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About the Test

Getting a dog or puppy on impulse is rarely a good idea. Remember that dogs were designed for a particular function. The Volhard test is designed to help guide you in deciding what puppy to get. You can learn more about the details of this test at volhard.com

The Tests Consist of the Following:

1. Social Attraction - degree of social attraction to people, confidence or dependence.
2. Following - willingness to follow a person.
3. Restraint - degree of dominant or submissive tendency, and ease of handling in difficult situations.
4. Social Dominance - degree of acceptance of social dominance by a person.
5. Elevation - degree of accepting dominance while in a position of no control, such as at the veterinarian or groomer.
6. Retrieving - degree of willingness to do something for you. Together with Social Attraction and Following a key indicator for ease or difficulty in training.
7. Touch Sensitivity - degree of sensitivity to touch and a key indicator to the type of training equipment required.
8. Sound Sensitivity - degree of sensitivity to sound, such as loud noises or thunderstorms.
9. Sight Sensitivity - degree of response to a moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels.
10. Stability - degree of startle response to a strange object.



Test Results - Blaze

Test	Response	Score
Social Attraction	Came readily, tail up	3
Following	Followed readily, tail up	3
Restraint	Struggled, then settled	4
Social Dominance	Cuddled up to tester and tried to lick face	3
Elevation Dominance	No struggle, relaxed	4
Retrieving	Chased object and returned without it to tester	4
Touch Sensitivity	3-5 count before response	4
Sound Sensitivity	Listened and located sound	4
Sight Sensitivity	Looked with curiosity and attempted to investigate, tail up	3
Stability	Looked and went to investigate	3



Test Results - Finch

Test	Response	Score
Social Attraction	Came readily, tail up	3
Following	Followed readily, tail up	3
Restraint	Struggled, then settled	4
Social Dominance	Squirmed, licked at hands	4
Elevation Dominance	No struggle, relaxed	4
Retrieving	Chased object and returned without it to tester	4
Touch Sensitivity	3-5 count before response	4
Sound Sensitivity	Listened and located sound	4
Sight Sensitivity	Looked with curiosity and attempted to investigate, tail up	3
Stability	Looked and went to investigate	3



Test Results - Blush

Test	Response	Score
Social Attraction	Came readily, tail up	3
Following	Followed readily, tail up	3
Restraint	Settled, struggled, settled with some eye contact	3
Social Dominance	Cuddled up to tester and tried to lick face	3
Elevation Dominance	No struggle, relaxed	4
Retrieving	Chased object and returned without it to tester	4
Touch Sensitivity	3-5 count before response	4
Sound Sensitivity	Listened and located sound	4
Sight Sensitivity	Looked with curiosity and attempted to investigate, tail up	3
Stability	Looked and went to investigate	3



Test Results - Poppy

Test	Response	Score
Social Attraction	Came readily, tail up	3
Following	Followed readily, tail up	3
Restraint	Struggled, then settled	4
Social Dominance	Squirmed, licked at hands	4
Elevation Dominance	No struggle, relaxed	4
Retrieving	Chased object and returned without it to tester	4
Touch Sensitivity	3-5 count before response	4
Sound Sensitivity	Listened and located sound	4
Sight Sensitivity	Looked with curiosity and attempted to investigate, tail up	3
Stability	Looked and went to investigate	3



Test Results - Sunset

Test	Response	Score
Social Attraction	Came readily, tail up	3
Following	Followed readily, tail up	3
Restraint	Struggled, then settled	4
Social Dominance	Squirmed, licked at hands	4
Elevation Dominance	No struggle, relaxed	4
Retrieving	Chased object and returned without it to tester	4
Touch Sensitivity	3-5 count before response	4
Sound Sensitivity	Listened and located sound	4
Sight Sensitivity	Looked with curiosity and attempted to investigate, tail up	3
Stability	Sat and looked, but did not move toward the umbrella	4



Test Results - Tulip

Test	Response	Score
Social Attraction	Came readily, tail up	3
Following	Followed readily, tail up	3
Restraint	Struggled, then settled	4
Social Dominance	Squirmed, licked at hands	4
Elevation Dominance	No struggle, relaxed	4
Retrieving	Chased object and returned without it to tester	4
Touch Sensitivity	3-5 count before response	4
Sound Sensitivity	Listened and located sound	4
Sight Sensitivity	Looked with curiosity and attempted to investigate, tail up	3
Stability	Looked and went to investigate	3

Test Highlights

All puppies have scored mostly 3's and 4's. Here is what these scores mean:

Mostly 3's

Can be a high-energy dog and may need lots of exercise
Good with people and other animals
Can be a bit of a handful to live with
Needs training, does very well at it and learns quickly
Great dog for second time owner.

Mostly 4's

The kind of dog that makes the perfect pet
Best choice for the first time owner.
Rarely will buck for a promotion in the family
Easy to train, and rather quiet.
Good with elderly people, children, although may need protection from the children
Choose this pup, take it to obedience classes, and you'll be the star, without having to do too much work!

Tidbits: The puppy with mostly 3's and 4's can be quite a handful, but should be good with children and does well with training. Energy needs to be dispersed with plenty of exercise.

[Read More about the test results](#)