

ZAP1 PUPPY TEST
Zuchtanlageprüfung

The following information was compiled after viewing videos of the Zap1 test as conducted in Germany and viewing the test in person at Nurnberg in 2016.

1) Identification check with microchip scanner

 Tooth Check

 Measuring – Height and Chest Depth

2) Recall off lead. (Willingness to return to owner, Social Behaviour)

Dog is taken by its owner approx. 20-25mtrs away from an assembled crowd of minimum 8-10 people. Owner removes lead and a helper holds dog, while owner walks back toward and through to the other side of the crowd. The owner then calls the dog, which is released by the helper. The dog is required to return directly to the owner, by running through the crowd. After the dog returns to the owner and with the dog still off lead, the owner then walks among the crowd and encourages the dog to follow.

3) Dog to dog test. (Social Behaviour)

With the dog on lead, the owner walks toward another dog, which is approaching from the opposite direction. The approaching dog is also on lead. Dogs are required to pass each other at approx. 2-3mtrs., without showing signs of fear or aggression. It is important that a completely neutral dog is chosen, to act as the extra dog.

4) Chainsaw Test (Noise sensitivity)

With the dog on lead, the owner stands still. A helper circles the dog at approx. 2-3mtrs, while operating a chain saw or similar noisy tool.

5) Chain Drop (Noise sensitivity)

A length of metal chain is suspended from a post/tree. On the ground below the chain is a metal plate/dish. With the dog on lead, the owner stands approx. 4mtrs from the chain/dish, while a helper releases the chain and lets it drop onto the metal plate/dish.

6) Gun Test (Noise sensitivity)

With the dog on lead, the owner stands still while 2 shots are fired from approx. 12mtrs away.

7) Stand and play on a wobbly board. (Confidence on shifting surface, Prey drive)

For this test, a standard sized wooden pallet is used. Top surface where dog stands must be covered to exclude gaps. A round wooden pole/polycarbonate pipe (3-inch diameter) is fixed to the underside of the pallet, across the centre. This will allow the pallet to rock back and forth when the dog stands on top of it. The dog is encouraged to walk onto the pallet and to move around, so the pallet rocks under the dog. While the dog is standing on the pallet, the owner encourages the dog to play tug. If necessary, the owner may stand on the pallet as well, to engage with the dog.

8) Walk on trestle tables (Height sensitivity)

For this test, 5 trestle tables are required. The tables should be aligned, so that they form an "L" shape. On the short side, the tables are butted up against each other, with no gaps in between. On the long side, two of the tables should have a gap of approx. 8-10 inches between them. A suitable ramp is also required, for the dog to walk up onto the tables. With the dog on lead, the owner encourages the dog to walk up the ramp and onto the trestle tables. The dog should walk the entire length of the tables, turning the corner of the "L" and continuing over the gap in the tables. Once at the end, the dog is turned around and returns along the same path, exiting via the ramp where it commenced.

9) Play with owner and stranger (Prey drive, Bond with Handler)

With the dog off lead, the owner commences to play a game of tug with the dog. Once an assessment has been made of how the dog plays with the owner, the owner then tosses the toy to a helper, who is standing approx. 5-6mtrs away. The dog is expected to follow its toy and engage in a game of tug with the helper. The dog's willingness to engage with a stranger is then assessed.

10) Dog retrieves hidden toy (Prey Drive and Tenacity)

A helper holds the dog on lead, with the owner making an obvious display of the toy, while proceeding to move away and place the toy under an upturned bread crate (approx. 5-6mtrs away). The owner then returns to the dog, removes the lead and sends the dog to find its toy. The dog is expected to go to the bread crate and work out how to gain its toy from underneath the crate.

11) Inside the Clubhouse (Different environment, slippery floor, sound sensitivity)

The room should be set up as normal, with tables, chairs and other items normally found inside. The dog is brought inside on lead, then the lead is removed. Owner moves around the room, among the furniture, while the dog is allowed to explore. A metal bowl/dish will be dropped to the floor by a helper, on the opposite side to whichever table the dog is next to at the time.

12) Inside the Clubhouse (Different environment, prey drive, scenting ability, tenacity)

Owner plays tug with dog, then tosses the toy across the room. Dog goes after toy and returns to owner. With the owner holding the dog, a helper then takes the toy, and making it obvious to the dog that he has it, moves away and hides the toy from the dog's vision. The dog is then sent to find the toy. It is important that the toy be hidden from the dog's vision, but not placed anywhere that is not easily reached, once the dog has located with its nose.

13) Dog is tied up and owner goes out of sight (Handler dependence, Social behaviour)

Dog is tied securely to a tree/fence post by the owner, who then leaves the dog and goes out of sight. A helper will then walk toward and straight past the dog. Once several meters past the dog, the helper will then turn around and return past the dog from the opposite direction. On both occasions, the helper should pass within touching distance of the dog.

Equipment required:

- Starting Pistol
- Measuring Stick
- Microchip Scanner
- Chainsaw (blade removed) or similar sounding power tool.
- Length of metal chain (2mtrs) and a metal plate/dish to drop the chain into.
- Wobble board – standard sized pallet (modified as per description in pt. 7)
- Trestle tables – 5 standard trestle tables, plus a ramp leading up to the tables. To be covered in non-slip surface.
- Bread delivery crate.
- Clubhouse.
- Helpers for various tasks, as listed in component descriptions.

The equipment needed is fairly basic and should not pose a problem for clubs to procure, nor should it be overly expensive.