

GSDCA Character Assessment of Dogs aged 9 months +



Venue:		Date:		Assessment No.:	
Dog Name:			Name of Dog Owner:		
Sire:			Dam:		
Linebreeding:					
DOB (dd/mm/yy):		Age (yr/mth):	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Microchip No.:
Home Conditions: <input type="checkbox"/> Kennel <input type="checkbox"/> Kennel/Indoor <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Number of dogs: _____				Use: <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Trial <input type="checkbox"/> Sport <input type="checkbox"/> Pet	
Name of Dog Handler:				Handler since:	

Coat: <input type="checkbox"/> Stock <input type="checkbox"/> Long	Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Very Good <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Could be Better	Testicle Check: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Comments:	Teeth Check: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Comments:	Measurement: Height at Withers: _____ Chest Depth: _____ Chest Circumference: _____	
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Assessor: The 1st word (**bolded**) of the relevant element (i.e. ID CHECK, "Indifferent") that describes the actions of the dog **MUST** be underlined. Then underline none/any/ or all of the remaining words in that same box.

Evaluation of disposition		
ID Check	Examination of teeth	Measurement on platform
Indifferent , good natured, relaxed, friendly, confident, easy to handle	Indifferent , good natured, relaxed, friendly, confident, easy to handle	Indifferent , good natured, relaxed, friendly, confident, easy to handle
Cautious , inexperienced, slightly timid, still easy to handle	Cautious , inexperienced, slightly timid, still easy to handle	Cautious , inexperienced, slightly timid, still easy to handle
Anxious , insecure, threatening, difficult to handle, exercise terminated	Anxious , insecure, threatening, difficult to handle, exercise terminated	Anxious , insecure, threatening, difficult to handle, exercise terminated

Evaluation of social behaviour		
Relationship with handler	Behaviour in a group	Encounter with another dog
Very good bond , joyful, energetic, confident, good temperament	Good natured , joyful, indifferent, confident, easy to handle	Good bond with handler , relaxed, friendly, good natured, contact seeking, confident, easy to handle
Good bond , joyful, attentive, balanced temperament	Insecure , tense, avoids contact, but agreeable to handling	Poor bond , but interacts with handler, cautious, inexperienced, manageable
Average bond , attentive, calm, balanced temperament	Uncertain , anxious, threatening, shows clear avoidance of crowd, exercise terminated	No bond , threatening, uncertain, exercise terminated
Little bond , unsure, restless, little attention		
No bond , threatening, uncertain, exercise terminated		

Evaluation of Noise Reactivity		
Engine	Metal chain	Gunshots
Calm , attentive, indifferent, checks origin independently	Calm , attentive, indifferent, checks origin independently	Self-assured , indifferent, calm, attentive
Brief reaction , tolerant, stabilizing quickly after identification of noise	Brief reaction , tolerant, stabilizing quickly after identification of noise	Sufficiently firm , slight reaction, sensitive
Reactive , quick stabilization after identification of noise, slightly tense	Reactive , quick stabilization after identification of noise, slightly tense	Adverse reaction , panic, disturbed, clearly affected by source, exercise terminated
Moderate reaction , struggles to calm down even with help, cautious, clear conflict with source	Moderate reaction , struggles to calm down even with help, cautious, clear conflict with source	
Adverse reaction , panic, disturbed, clearly affected by source, exercise terminated	Adverse reaction , panic, disturbed, clearly affected by source, exercise terminated	

Movement on Unusual Surfaces	
Rocking platform	Play on rocking platform
Convincing , confident, indifferent, driven, confident movements	Intense play , confident, dynamic, persistent play, indifferent, confident play
Slight reaction , recovers easily with a bit of help, then shows confident movements	Good , persistent, confident play, steady movement
Strong adverse reaction , insecure, significantly impaired movements	Sufficient sustained play , adequate movements
Panic , visibly stressed, avoidance, exercise terminated	Hardly plays , insecure, lack of interest, restricted movements
	No play , panic, stressed, exercise terminated

Evaluation of Height sensitivity		
Ascent	Motion	Gap
OK/confident	Confident motion , indifferent, convincing, easy movements	No reaction
Help needed	Slight reluctance , recovers with help, movement recovers quickly	Brief reaction but OK
Refused	Insecure , reluctant, restricted movements	Reluctant , but crossed with lots of help
	Refusal , stressed, avoids all help, exercise terminated	Refusal , stressed, avoids all help, exercise terminated

Evaluation of Play and Prey drive		
Play with handler	Play with stranger	Search for toy
Intensive , powerful, vigorous, fast and confident, persistent play	Intensive , powerful, vigorous, fast and confident, persistent play	Highly target driven , persistent, retrieves the toy independently
Convincing play , energetic, persistent	Convincing play , energetic, persistent	Run to source , persistent, willing to find, got toy after a few attempts, no help
Adequate play , persistent, energy lacking	Adequate play , persistent, energy lacking	Need help to go to source , could be more active, only sustain prey drive with help
Intermittent play , uncertain, could show more interest	Intermittent play , uncertain, could show more interest	Needs extensive help to run to source , little interest in retrieving toy despite strong help
No play , lethargic, uninterested, exercise terminated	No play , lethargic, uninterested, exercise terminated	Doesn't run to source , avoidance, couldn't be encouraged, exercise terminated

Evaluation of Behaviour Inside – Smooth Surface			
Movement	Noise	Play with handler inside	Search
Very confident , indifferent	No reaction	Strong , intensive, engaging	Focused , determined, finds toy fast
Confident , but slight reaction	Brief reaction	Persistent play , lacking intensity	Sufficient drive and intensity , finds toy eventually
Restless , unsure	Uncertain reaction	Very little play or intensity	Must be more active , finds toy with help
Insecure , stressed, exercise terminated	Strong reaction , exercise terminated	Hardly plays	Lack of motivation , despite strong help
		No play , exercise terminated	No interest , doesn't find toy, exercise terminated

Evaluation of Isolation Behaviour	
On it's own	Encounter
Attentive , indifferent, calm	Friendly , open, relaxed
Stable , relaxed, waiting	Careful , calm, relaxed
Slightly restless , settles with time	Unsure , unsettled
Insecure , restless	Insecure , panic, aggressive, exercise terminated
Unsure , aggressive, stressed, exercise terminated	

Overall Comments			
Evaluation Outcome:	Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fail

GSDCA Assessor: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____

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