

Shelter D.O.G.G. Assessment Log

Dog's Name: _____ Walking ID: _____

Assessor: _____ Date: _____

No Behavioral History

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Kennel Behavior

This assessment gathers observations about a dog's in-kennel behavior at the shelter. The Assessor may stop at any time the dog appears willing to exit the kennel safely on leash. Indicate which progression the Assessor completed below.

- Assessor approaches, front facing the dog in kennel. Stands quietly for 3 seconds.
- Assessor offers verbal encouragement to dog.
- Assessor kneels in front of kennel and turns to the side. Waits for three seconds.
- Assessor tosses treat to dog in kennel.
- I - Inconclusive
- S - Social
- E - Environmentally focused
- T - Timid or fearful
- X - Anxious
- H - Hyper arousal
- R - Reactive
- A - Aggressive

Notes

Walking on Leash

This assessment gathers observations about a dog's behavior while walking through a kennel at the shelter and in a yard. Indicate which progression the Assessor completed below. The Assessor must stop at any time aggressive behavior is observed.

- Assessor leashes dog with slip lead.
- Assessor walks dog through kennel.
- Assessor walks dog the length of an exercise yard.
- Assessor stops, verbally engages with body movements.
- Assessor drops leash, allowing dog to drag it around fenced in yard.
- I - Inconclusive
- S - Social
- E - Environmentally focused
- T - Timid or fearful
- X - Anxious
- H - Hyper arousal
- R - Reactive
- A - Aggressive

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Petting

This assessment gathers observations about a dog's behavior for petting and handling at the shelter. The Assessor may record observations at any time the dog appears willing to allow the Assessor to pet him, prior to completing all steps in this item. Indicate which progression the Assessor completed below. The Assessor must stop at any time aggressive behavior is observed.

- Assessor takes a seat, allowing dog to survey yard uninterrupted for 30 seconds.
- Assessor offers verbal encouragement to dog.
- Assessor offers treat to dog.
- Assessor approaches dog.
- Assessor pets dog on head and back in a relaxed manner.
- I - Inconclusive
- S - Social
- E - Environmentally focused
- T - Timid or fearful
- X - Anxious
- H - Hyper arousal
- R - Reactive
- A - Aggressive

Notes

Play Behavior (Human)

This assessment gathers observations about a dog's play behavior with a handler. The Assessor may record observations at any time the dog engages in play with the Assessor, prior to completing all steps in this item. Indicate which progression the Assessor completed below. The Assessor must stop at any time aggressive behavior is observed.

- Assessor engages dog with verbal encouragement and body movements.
- Assessor offers treat to dog.
- Assessor approaches dog.
- Assessor plays with dog in a relaxed manner.
- S - Social
- E- Environmentally focused
- T - Timid or fearful
- X - Anxious
- H - Hyper arousal
- R - Reactive
- A - Aggressive
- I - Inconclusive

Notes

Play Behavior (Toy)

This assessment gathers observations about a dog's play behavior with a handler and a toy. The Assessor must issue a plush and/or squeaky toy and a rope toy. The Assessor may record observations at any time the dog relinquishes the toy to the Assessor, prior to completing all steps in this item. Indicate which progression the Assessor completed below. The Assessor must stop at any time aggressive behavior is observed.

- Assessor must issue a plush and/or squeaky toy and a rope toy, presented one after the other.
- Assessor engages dog with verbal encouragement, body movements, and the toy item.
- Assessor tosses toy.
- Assessor allows dog to settle and chew.
- Assessor walks around dog at a 2-6 ft radius while he is settled with the toy.
- Assessor pets the dog on his back.
- Assessor tosses a treat away from where the dog is settled with the toy.
- Assessor removes the toy in a relaxed manner.
- I - Inconclusive
- S - Social
- E- Environmentally focused
- T - Timid or fearful
- X - Anxious
- H - Hyper arousal
- R - Reactive
- A - Aggressive

Notes

Food Behavior

In-home Behavior

In-shelter Behavior

This assessment gathers observations about a dog's behavior around a bowl of dry kibble with an engaging handler. These observations may also be gathered from the dog's in-home history. If observations are gathered from a reliable in-home interview, this assessment will not be conducted again at the shelter. The Assessor may record observations at any time the dog recalls from the bowl of food to the Assessor, prior to completing all steps in this item. Indicate which progression the Assessor completed below. The Assessor must stop at any time aggressive behavior is observed.

- Assessor fits dog with buckle collar and leashes to 6 foot tether.
- Assessor issues a bowl of dry kibble to dog.
- Assessor walks around the dog in an arc at a 2-6 foot radius.
- Assessor engages the dog verbally, attempting to elicit a recall from the food bowl.
- Assessor offers a treat, attempting to elicit a recall from the food bowl.
- Assessor tosses a treat at a distance from the food bowl.
- Assessor removes food bowl OR allows dog to finish eating or disengage independently.
- No history of food guarding
- History of mild food guarding (growling)
- History of moderate food guarding (leaving food bowl to bite)
- History of severe food guarding (sustained aggression)

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