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K9 EVALUATION (GENERAL)

- **Nerves**

- Release dog
- How quickly does dog adapt
- How does dog *process* pressure
- Weak to strong
- Halted (accelerated anxiety) → Incomplete → Cautious → Studied → Fluid
- Confidence

- **Sociability**

- Unsociable (will not interact)
- Neutral (will allow but is reserved; often associated with handler dependency)
- Sociable (dog “gets in your space”)

- **Drives**

- Social Drive
 - Stimulation as result of social interaction
- Pack Drive
 - Natural focus on pack/handler (“inward focus”)
 - May be handler dependent
- Prey Drive
- Defense Drive
- Fight Drive (?)
- Hunt Drive
- Track Drive

Consider how these balance

- **Hardness**

- Take dog on-leash and practice minor leash corrections (consider resiliency)
- How does dog *tolerate* pressure
- At what point/how does dog respond
- Mental aspect → softer dog will perceive pressure as more serious

- **Dominance**

- Lay dog down
- How much resistance, if any
- Be careful to differentiate between dominance and nerves
 - Possibly weak-nerved dog will resist “down”
 - Consider totality of circumstances/behaviors

- **Threshold for Stress (Avoidance/Defense)**

- Both types of stress
- Which is more prominent

****Consider all in light of dog’s background and owner’s experiences in the home****