



First and foremost, we are **dog breeders**, not behaviour specialists. We do not guarantee temperament traits of puppies or older dogs that we sell. The information provided on profiles are a *guide only*. Some temperament traits are stable, others can be influenced by environment. The temperaments of dogs can be shaped to some degree, other traits need to be managed.

## Observation Methodologies

**'In the playpen'** observations are taken in Week 5 over the course of an hour for five days. The playpen is a very familiar environment for puppies. During these sessions, puppies are exposed to new sounds, movement and objects in the company of their siblings and trusted human.

**'By myself'** observations are also conducted over three days in Week 5. Puppies are left for a short period, up to five minutes, alone in the playpen and observed on camera. If puppies become distressed for more than 30 seconds, the observation session ends.

**'Temperament testing'** results are gathered from a series of routines with a person in one session who is a stranger to the puppy. We also use a neutral dog who the puppy has not had an interaction with before. We ensure that the puppy is relaxed and comfortable before introducing them to the next test routine, and pause / stop the testing if the puppy shows signs of distress.

This testing looks for:

Human assertiveness (approaching new people)

Confidence (belief in own abilities to approach a new situation)

Motivation level (intrinsic desire to work for and with a human)

Resilience (ability to handle stress reactions in situations)

Touch tolerance (ability to be handled by a stranger)

Energy level (general)

Noise sensitivity (recovery from loud noises)

Prey drive (chasing)

Human focus (eye contact, ability to stay connected with distractions).

It is imperative to note that this testing captures a baseline only. New owners need to take their own context into account and be dedicated to advocating for their dogs needs throughout their lifetime.

## **Puppy Profile - Eira, Red Tri, Female, Full Tail**

## About Me:

At 6 weeks of age, Eira is showing early signs of being a gentler, more thoughtful female. She tends to take a moment to observe and take in her surroundings before stepping forward. Once she is settled, there is no stopping her. Rather than pushing into the centre of activity, she looks to her human for reassurance and direction, which is a lovely foundation for building a strong bond.

She is gentle with people and enjoys interaction, but she does not need to be in the thick of the action. Eira would suit a calmer household environment and would not be best placed in a home with children under 10. With other dogs, she appears more sensitive to correction than some of her littermates, and will benefit from a steady, confident companion who can continue building her resilience in a positive way.

While she has a soft nature, Eira is also toy driven and sits in the higher drive range. The encouraging sign at this stage is that she appears to have a natural off switch. After engagement and play, she is capable of settling, and this trait will need to be nurtured and reinforced as she grows.

Eira will thrive in a home that provides structure and predictability. Having her own defined space, such as a crate and consistent place training, will

## In the Play Pen

### *With Others:*

- Will play nicely with others but also will enforce boundaries if other puppies take it too far
- Is often found chilling out to the side by herself

### *By Myself:*

- Generally happy to settle after lots of action and a meal / long-lasting chew
- It will take her about three days to build a settling routine in a new environment. Once established, she takes herself off to rest.
- Settles best with background noise such as dog reggae music or *Muster Dogs*

## Temperament Testing

Trait	Score
Assertiveness	Medium
Confidence	Medium
Motivation Level	Medium
Nerve Strength / Resiliency	Medium
Touch Tolerance	Medium
Energy Level	Medium
Sound Sensitivity	Medium
Sight Sensitivity	Medium
Prey Drive	High
Human Focus	Medium
Tenderhearted	Not Tested
Dog Friendliness	Neutral

### *To Support Me:*

- Provide a calm, structured household environment.
- Continue building confidence through slower exposure and positive reinforcement.

be important for her confidence. Clear routines and calm leadership will help her continue stepping forward into new situations with assurance.

With the right guidance, Eira has the potential to develop into a beautifully bonded, responsive Australian Shepherd who feels secure with her person and confident in her world.

- Reinforce her natural off switch alongside toy and engagement work.
- Early crate training, tethering and place training will harness her 'off-switch'. Once established, this will help immensely as she continues to build confidence.



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**Microchip:** 991003003346049

**Litter Name:** The Aura Litter

**Parents:** Orla x Baloo

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