

This is the email everyone has been waiting for. It is puppy reveal time. This week was extremely busy with puppy activities. The puppies had two field trips this week. Our first trip was on Wednesday. I took the puppies up to a friend of mine's home. I had my friend, Linda, do the Volhard test on the puppies.

The Volhard test is a series of exercises designed to determine the trainability and personality of a puppy. The tests include having the puppy come to you, having the puppy follow you, reaction to strange sounds, reaction to touch and strange objects. The puppies are then scored from 1 to 6. 1 is extremely confident to 6 which is more independent. I am including the score of each puppy. This will give you a really good idea of your puppy's personality. Personalities can still change based upon environment and training, but it is a good base test.

<https://www.volharddognutrition.com/choosing-your-puppy-pat/>

Once the puppies were tested, I took them to another friend's house where they showed off their skills as good house guests. At this home, there was another Coton who was a bit disgruntled that they were there. Once everyone had a chance to run around outside and potty, everyone settled down and were quite pleasant. No one wandered off, and there were no potty accidents. My friend was amazed how quiet and calm they were. As a side note it was in the afternoon after lunch, when the pups were sleepy.

On Saturday, everyone went off to the vet to have their shots and microchips. Phantom only had a microchip implanted. Being so much younger, he was too little for both. Normally I would have a microchip implanted and two weeks later I would have the vaccines done; however since the girls are of good weight and size, I decided to do both. No one has shown any signs of vaccine reaction which is wonderful! While at the vet's, the puppies met several children and adults. No one exhibited any shyness. Everyone enjoyed being held and passed around. Phantom made the biggest fuss when he had his microchip implanted, but he is a bit of a drama king, like his daddy.

I am working on leash training. I do unconventional leash training. I allow the puppies to train each other. I put leashes on half of the puppies, and allow the other half to drag them around. Normally if a puppy is being dragged on a leash, there would be screaming and a terrified puppy; however because their sibling is on the other end of the leash, the leashed puppy just becomes angry. There is fighting and grumbling, until the leashed puppy figures out to just move with her sibling and the pressure releases from the leashed puppy's neck. Puppies also carry grudges. When the roles are reversed, the previously leashed puppy is quite excited to exact revenge. Once all the puppies are comfortable on the leash with each other, I will start walking them with me. Because leash learning happened between siblings, having a human at the other end of the leash is not frightening.

The registered names are based upon the actor/actresses most iconic roles with the exception of Ava. None of her movies made good names. I chose one of her earlier roles, even though she was uncredited.

Legacy's Music of the Night, Phantom did not participate in the Volhard testing this week. It is only for 8 week old puppies. He will have his testing done this coming week. He is blossoming.

He is very outgoing and confident. He loves having his belly rubbed and to be held. He is doing extremely well on his house breaking, and will go potty on command outside. He holds it very well until he is in his potty spot. When people come to visit, or when he is out visiting, he is right in front waiting to be picked up. Phantom belongs to Bree Hyland and Chrisann Militello.

Legacy's Moulin Rouge, Zsa Zsa is a character. She is definitely particular about who she likes and doesn't like. If she likes you, she is right there with you, in your lap or on your foot. If she doesn't, she won't give you the time of day. The Volhard tester, Linda, has 2 Cotons, one of them is one of mine. Her first one is not. Linda would give her right arm before she parted with her first Coton Becca, but Becca is very snobby. Becca isn't my puppy, and she doesn't like me. In fact, when I call her, Becca will actually turn her head and look away. Zsa Zsa has a similar temperament. She is extremely confident and beautiful, but she will not just be everyone's dog. She will be her mama's dog only. Zsa Zsa's scores were 5433431333. Zsa belongs to Glad Messeroff.

Legacy's Imitation of Life, Lana is the epitome of the Coton temperament. She is as sweet as apple pie. Lana will easily strongly bond to her new family. Right now she is bonded to me. During the Volhard test, I had to be out of the room so as not to distract the individual puppies from their test. I was just outside the door so that I could observe each puppy. Every time Lana thought she saw me, she would run to the door and wag her tail. Every time new people came to see the puppies, Lana was right there wagging her tail and saying hello. She is very calm and very cuddly. Her Volhard test scores were 333345334. Lana belongs to Mark and Karen Spreitler.

Legacy's Roamin' Holiday, Audrey is so spunky. She thinks she is the leader of the group. Her siblings disagree and often just ignore her. She is first in line for toys. She is first in line for her meals, and she is first in line when she wants to go outside. Audrey is crate trained and sleeps through the night, but she definitely prefers to be with her family. She always thinks she is missing something. She is very confident, and loves to be the center of attention, even if she doesn't know who anybody is. Audrey has a pork and chicken allergy. I would highly suggest Ziwi beef as her primary food. Audrey's scores were 5333434433.

Legacy's A Royal Scandal, Ava is my show girl. It was a very difficult choice between Lana and Ava. The only difference is that Ava is more outgoing and showy. Lana is a homebody, whereas Ava is a socialite. She has pop. She has Audrey's attitude, but with a bit less in your face. Where Audrey wants to take over, Ava is happy to be a part of whatever anyone is doing. The three puppies that are continually in front vying for attention are Audrey, Ava and Phantom. Ava's scores were 5433431333.