



# Pawsitive Puppy Training

## *Puppy Temperament Testing*

### Why should I consider it?

Puppy temperament testing is a widely used method for evaluating a puppy's aptitude and personality traits. This testing helps new owners select the best match for their wants and needs based on a puppy's natural tendencies.

The results can be useful to you in many ways, such as:

- 🐾 Helping to predict adult behavior by assessing how a puppy may develop in terms of sociability, confidence, and trainability
- 🐾 Ensures the best fit between a puppy's temperament and an owner's lifestyle, experience, and expectations
- 🐾 Highlights areas where early training and socialization may be needed, as well as which activities should be approached with greater patience and understanding.

### What does it evaluate?

The test protocol I use consists of ten exercises that assess various aspects of a puppy's personality. These include traits such as:

- 🐾 Social attraction (do they like to join in on the fun or are they more inclined to be a wallflower?)
- 🐾 Restraint (do they relax and trust you or do they squirm to break free? This is especially helpful to know for grooming reasons)
- 🐾 Social dominance (do they love to cuddle, or do they cuddle like a cat — on their own terms!)
- 🐾 Sound sensitivity (will sudden noises get them to investigate or run for cover?)
- 🐾 Stability (do they like new experiences, or do they make them nervous?)

Each test is scored using a sliding scale and, while no test can predict behavior with 100% accuracy, it provides valuable insights into a puppy's natural tendencies. With this knowledge, owners can better nurture and train their puppy for a happy and well-adjusted life.