

TEMPERAMENT TEST ASSOCIATES CANADA ©

Description of the test.

TT is open to any breed or mix breed of dog that is 12 months old or older at the day of the test.

Bitches in season are tested at the end of the test.

TT (Temperament test) is not an obedience test, not evaluations of exercises the handler and a dog have learned; it assesses each dog's natural reaction to stimuli presented to it during the test.

No commands are allowed, the test simulates a natural walk with your dog in a park on a loose leash.

TTAC uses established criteria to evaluate each reaction. At the end of the test Pass or Fail score will be given to handler with a verbal explanation of how the tested dog did at each subtest.

All teams that have passed will receive a TTAC certificate at the day of the test.

Instructions will be given to each team prior the test.

There is no prerequisites to take The Test except the age of a dog.

Dog's breed temperament and training/competition history is taken into account during the test.

THE TEN SUBTESTS

Please note that the pictures are for example only and may not be exact replica of the actual test.

TESTS #1, #2, #3 - Behaviour Toward Strangers

Objective: To determine the dog's reaction to strangers in a non-threatening situation.

TEST#1 Neutral
Stranger.

A stranger approaches
but ignores the dog.





TEST #2 Friendly Stranger.
A stranger approaches and is friendly to the dog.



TEST #3 Crowd.
The dog is surrounded by a group of people.

TESTS #4, #5 - Reaction to Acoustic Stimuli

Objective: To test the dog's reaction to two acoustic stimuli, and to measure the dog's investigative behaviour. This test shows alertness and curiosity.

TEST #4 Hidden Clattering - A noise is heard but not seen.

TEST #5 Gun Test - A gun is fired out of sight of the dog.

Test #6 - Reaction to a Visual Stimulus

Objective: To test the dog's reaction to a sudden visual stimulus. To measure the dog's investigative behaviour and the startle-recovery time.



Test #6 Umbrella Test.

An umbrella is opened in the dog's line of vision.

Test #7 - Reaction to Unusual Footing

Objective - To measure the dog/s reaction to unusual footing.

Test #7 Footing

The dog is walked over an uncomfortable/unusual surface.



Test #8, #9, #10 - Self Protectiveness/Aggressive Reaction

Objective - To test the dog's capacity to focus on an unusual stimulus (#8), to recognize a threat (#9), and to react in the face of a threat (#10).



Test #8 Recognizes Stimuli - The dog notices unusual behaviour in its line of vision.

Test #9 Recognizes Threat - The unusual behaviour approaches the dog.

Test #10 Dog is Threatened - The behaviour poses a threat.