

**TEST 1 Prey Drive** – Using age appropriate teaser toy, tester gets the puppy’s attention & throws teaser a short distance away. *Note: In younger puppies, roll the teaser instead of throwing it.*

- Excellent** Puppy runs to teaser and immediately snatches it up, perhaps shaking to “kill” it.
- Okay** Puppy runs to teaser and checks it out. May pick up toy if it’s thrown repeatedly.
- Indifferent** Puppy doesn’t run to teaser or shows no interest.

**TEST 2 Retrieve** – After the puppy gets the teaser, tester encourages puppy to bring it back by jogging backwards and calling.

- Excellent** Immediately brings back and spits out the toy for more play.
- Okay** Brings back the toy, but doesn’t give it up to the tester.
- Okay** Brings back but darts out of reach, waiting you to chase.
- Indifferent** Doesn’t bring it back.

**TEST 3 Hunt Drive (Persistence)**– Hide teaser toy under foot or in hands (just barely showing) & encourage the puppy to find it.

- Excellent** Digs, mouths, and whines for toy.
- Okay** Nudges and uses paws for toy.
- Indifferent** Tries halfheartedly or not at all to get the toy.

**TEST 4 Tug Response**– Using a towel, booda, or rag, tease the puppy and allow him to grab it.

- Excellent=** Immediately grabs and tugs vigorously with a calm sure hold.
- Excellent** Immediately grabs and tugs vigorously, but readjusts his hold frequently.
- Okay** Grabs with repeated teasing and/or encouragement, but lets go.
- Indifferent** Grabs only if repeatedly teased. Won’t hold on.

**TEST 5 Possessiveness**– Tester lets go of the tug while it’s in the puppy’s mouth

- Excellent+** Shakes toy to “kill” it, tries to engage tester to play again.
- Excellent** Shakes toy to “kill” it, runs away with the toy.
- Okay** Runs away with toy, but drops soon after.
- Indifferent** Drops immediately.

**TEST 6 (pup <3mo) Follow** – Tester calls puppy and jogs backwards while clapping softly.  
(pup 3mo+) **Follow** – Helper restrains dog while tester jogs backwards & calls dog’s name 1 time.

- Excellent** Runs to test, ramming shoulder into tester’s leg or jumping up.
- Excellent** Runs to tester and solicits affection.
- Okay** Jugs to tester, nudging or looking for attention.
- Indifferent** Jogs to tester and leaves, or doesn’t come at all

**TEST 7 Attention Span**– Using age appropriate teaser, get dog’s attention and bring teaser to tester’s face level. Use teaser sparingly to maintain eye/facial contact with the puppy for 30 seconds.

- Excellent+** Willingly looks at tester’s face and toy for duration. Cocks head to listen.
- Excellent** Watches tester for duration, looking away briefly if background distractions interfere.
- Okay** Watches tester but needs to be re-engaged a few times.
- Indifferent** Easily distracted or unwilling to look at tester’s face.