



RIVER CITY PUPPIES

PUPPY EVALUATIONS

Six Week Evaluations on Nessie & Max's Toy Cavoodles

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



River City Puppies' Six Week Puppy Evaluations aim to provide families with a better idea on the potential temperaments of each puppy. It is important to remember that at the time of testing, the puppies are only 6 weeks old and therefore, the results are only a guide. The traits that have been tested can change over the course of a puppy's life depending on their environment and it is recommended that training for the puppies continues until they are 18 months old.

For the testing, the puppies are individually taken into a room that they had never been in before and undergo a series of exercises to evaluate their temperaments.



DASHER'S EVALUATION

Upon entering the testing room, Dasher was wary and hesitant of his surroundings. When the Tester sat on the ground, Dasher showed no interest and required coaxing to interact and also required a high amount of encouragement from the Tester to begin playing with the toys together. He slowly explored the room and showed signs of stress at multiple points in the examination, shaking his coat and seeking shelter when startled. He has low human interest and his motivation to work with the Tester was also low. Dasher's energy level is low and often stood still during the test and just looked around. When startled by the umbrella opening, Dasher froze for a few seconds then went over to investigate warily. However, when startled by the squealing pig, he quickly created distance with the toy and hid behind objects. When Dasher's Touch Tolerance was tested, he scored high and thoroughly enjoyed being handled. He remained very relaxed and compliant.

*In summary, the test results showed that Dasher is a quiet and nervous boy in an **unfamiliar** environment. He is wary of his surroundings and requires coaxing to get involved in toys or follow direction. Dasher displayed traits which indicate he won't be an overly keen learner and will require extra motivation to train. While he was quite unfazed by human interaction during the testing, in a **familiar** environment, Dasher is a keen player with his siblings and enjoys his cuddles. Dasher would be best suited to a family who is looking to have a dog for company, but not necessarily suited to a family who is wanting a highly interactive dog who is eager to please and learn.*



DASHER'S PUPPY EVALUATION SCORE SHEET

DASHER - TRAITS TESTED	LOW	MED	HIGH
Assertiveness (human) Test: Tester sits in the middle of the room & does not engage with the puppy for 30 seconds • Shows: How the puppy interacts with strangers	x		
Confidence Test: Puppy's initial reaction to unfamiliar entering testing area which has an unfamiliar person in it • Shows: Belief in their own abilities and approach to new situations	x		
Motivation Level Test: How hard does the Tester have to work to create the relationship with the pup so that fetching, following, and working through obstacles is achieved? • Shows: Intrinsic desire to work for and with a human	x		
Nerve Strength/Resiliency Test: The puppy's reaction to the movement of objects, the introduction of new testing elements was noted as well as how many times we had to pause the test to avoid stacking stress. • Shows: Ability to handle & manage stress	x		
Touch Tolerance Test: The tester held the puppy while going through a 10 Step Puppy Handling Exercise • Shows: How compliant the puppy is with being handled by a stranger in an unfamiliar area			x
Energy Level Test: Observe the puppy's movement throughout the test	x		
Sound Sensitivity Test: Observe the puppy's reaction to an unfamiliar sound • Shows: Startle and recovery time			x
Sight Sensitivity Test: Observe the puppy's reaction to an unfamiliar sight (opening of an umbrella) • Shows: Startle and recovery time		x	
Prey Drive Test: Encourage the puppy chase, stalk and pounce • Shows: Gauge interest in toys, tug, and movement of tester	x		
Human Focus Test: Observe interaction and overall interest in Tester throughout test • Shows: The level of human connection the puppy desires	x		



HOLLY'S EVALUATION

Upon entering the testing room, Holly briefly looked around before confidently trotting over to the Tester for some attention. When the Tester began to encourage Holly to interact with toys, she happily complied and chased the balls and octopus. While enjoying her play, she did get distracted by other objects and was curious of her surroundings. Holly followed direction from the Tester to explore obstacles but she did so at a slow pace. Similar to Dasher, Holly melted into the Tester's touch when being handled and thoroughly enjoyed the 1:1 attention. However, when Holly's startle response was tested with the umbrella and squealing pig, she quickly hid behind the Tester and started to cry and display stress.

*In summary, in an **unfamiliar** environment, Holly was confident and relaxed until being startled by unfamiliar objects and sounds. While she did enjoy playing with the toys, she frequently went back to the Tester for pats and was more interested in their attention than playing. Holly responded well to direction but wasn't overly eager to please indicating that she may show disinterest when being trained. When in a **familiar** environment, Holly reminds us of her mother, choosing to stick to herself and not engage in much play with her brothers. She is quiet and opts to observe the activity rather than interact.*

Based on her results, Holly will be best suited to a home that can provide individual attention and a family who is not looking for a highly motivated and eager to please puppy. Based on Holly's startle recovery, a calm and controlled environment without young children would suit her best.



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Motivation Level Test: How hard does the Tester have to work to create the relationship with the pup so that fetching, following, and working through obstacles is achieved? • Shows: Intrinsic desire to work for and with a human		x	
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PUDDING'S EVALUATION

Upon entering the testing room, Pudding confidently and excitedly explored the space. He has very high confidence and is inquisitive. When the Tester sat on the ground, Pudding slowly made his way over while being distracted by items on the ground along the way. Once reaching the Tester, he was very excited and politely climbed into their lap. Throughout the evaluation, he had kept focus on the Tester and enthusiastically followed their direction on obstacles and toys. Pudding's motivation is high and is keen to please. When handled, Pudding's Touch Tolerance was Medium. He was compliant most of the time but had some small moments of resistance, wanting to play rather than sit still. When Pudding's Sound and Sight sensitivity was tested, he scoured high, rarely being fazed by loud sounds or new objects. He recovers very quickly and resumes his exploration of the room when startled.

In summary, the test results showed that Pudding is very enthusiastic and likes to be involved with everything you do. He is very curious, eager to follow you around and will be very eager to please when being trained. When he is not given the freedom to explore the places he wants to go to, he gets impatient and self-soothes through crying. He seeks reassurance through human touch and will thrive in an environment where he can be involved in every aspect of the family's daily life and may struggle if he spends extended periods home alone each day.



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ELF'S EVALUATION

Upon entering the testing room, Elf was quite timid and reserved. His tail was down and he did not explore the space until after he had some interaction from the Tester. When coaxed over, he politely licked toes and went on his back for tickles. Out of all the puppies, Elf was the least confident in an unfamiliar environment and was not curious to explore. He preferred the Tester's attention and interaction. Elf's touch tolerance was also high and he soaked in all the handling exercises happily. His energy was low throughout the test and his prey drive was medium. He enjoyed playing after being reassured he was safe by the Tester. When Elf's startle reflex was tested, he showed a slight startle and quick recovery for the umbrella but retreated and hid when the pig squealed.

In summary, Elf is a timid boy and in an unfamiliar environment, he requires patience and reassurance to help build his confidence. In a familiar environment, he is playful with his brothers and loves to interact with humans. He will suit a quiet family who's routine is consistent and who is patient when helping to build his confidence in unfamiliar settings.



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