

PAWS

** Testing Application below instructions **

TEMPERAMENT TEST

4/08

The PAWS Temperament Test is a modification of the tests associated with the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Test and TDI (Therapy Dogs International, Inc.)

The following steps don't necessarily occur in the order listed and may be combined or separated as necessary. Testing steps are summarized and may be modified as necessary. The testing area often dictates the order and arrangement of the test. Dogs will be tested in all areas and other animals

Administrative: Complete an application that asks for information about the animal and owner. A copy of this document, followed by the Application, is on the website www.frazerumc.org/paws. The Application may be completed in advance or forms will be available at the testing site. Dogs must be leashed during testing.

Station #1. Examination Table

Check for current Rabies Vaccination

(Bring the certificate instead of the tag. Once it is checked, be sure it is returned to you.)

Check for grooming, Cleanliness and general health

Evaluate the general temperament of the animal.

Station #2. Accepting a Friendly Stranger

Animal accepts being petted by multiple, individuals.

Station #3. Out For a Walk

This demonstrates that the dog is under control while following the handler through a figure eight configuration. The walk includes stopping and sitting. The dog is also walked through a group of people to demonstrate it is comfortable in crowded situations.

Station #4. Sit / Stay / Come

Handler demonstrates that the dog will sit, stay and come on command.

Station #5. Reaction to another Dog & Cat

The animal is led, or placed, in close proximity to an unknown dog and cat. The tested animal should behave politely and show no more than casual interest in the other animals.

Station #6. Reaction to Distractions

The animal is exposed to unexpected noises such as dropping a crutch or other similar noise. At the same location, the animal is also exposed to an individual in a wheel chair. The animal should not show panic or aggression during this exercise.

Station #7. Supervised Separation

Normally, during a visit, animals are not to be left in the care of another person. However there may be an occasion where this is necessary. At this station, control of the animal is left to a stranger and the owner will move away from the animal. The animal should not continually bark, whine or show audible distress. The animal should not show more than mild nervousness.

Evaluators meet to discuss each animal. It is reasonable to expect constructive criticism and feedback at a station or at the end of the test. Pass/Fail is announced at this time. Don't be anxious because most all animals pass. Should your animal fail, you may try again during another scheduled test.

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Following is the Application for the Temperament Test:

When possible, photographs will be made, including the animal and handler(s). The photographs may be printed in a Newsletter for all PAWS members to view.

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Application for Animal, Temperament Testing

(Bring your animal's Rabies Certificate, if applicable)

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Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: H _____, W _____, Cell _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Animal's Name: _____ Species (dog/cat/bird/etc.) _____

Breed (breed/mixed/mutt/etc.) _____ Color: _____

Is your pet comfortable around Adults, Children, Groups ? _____

Which of the following describes your pet? Check as many as apply.

___ Adaptable, ___ Hyper, ___ Friendly, ___ Hand Shy, ___ Calm, ___ Easily Stressed

___ Outgoing, ___ Reliable, Other _____

List any tricks, training or special abilities your pet may have which will work well in our therapy program

Will you be willing to insure that:

- ___ your pet is well groomed and has had a bath not more than 48 hours prior to a visit?
Additional attention should be given to insure that there are no skin lesions, nails are short and breath is fresh. Cats, birds and rabbits are exempt from the bath requirement.
- ___ all four-legged animals will be on a leash at all times?
- ___ your animal is free of parasites and has not been treated with insecticides within 24 hours prior to a visit?
- ___ provide annual verification that the animal is healthy and current on rabies vaccination?
- ___ when working as a representative of the PAWS Ministry, your pet will wear a current rabies tag (when applicable) and the handler will wear a Frazer Name Tag?
- ___ I will present myself and my pet as a representative of Jesus Christ and will abide by the rules and guidelines of the PAWS Ministry and the facility I am visiting?

Participant's Signature

Date