

PAWS
TEMPERAMENT TEST EXPLAINED
(This information to be posted on Frazer's website)

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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.

Station #1 Check-In

Owner to complete "Application for Animal, Temperament Testing"

The application may be completed in advance by going to www.frazerumc.org/paws

Dogs must be leashed during testing

Check for current rabies vaccination

Take picture of owner & animal

Station #2 Examination Table

Check for grooming: Clean & well groomed

Check for fleas

Check teeth for cleanliness & breath for freshness

Check ears for cleanliness

Check privates

Check for excessively long or sharp nails

Give animal "treat" - Observe how animal takes treat from stranger

Station #3 Multiple Hands On / Accepting a Friendly Stranger

Animal accepts being petted by multiple, individuals.

Evaluate the general temperament of the animal - Ask if animal has any sensitive areas to be avoided (i.e. ears, tail, etc)

Pull ears for reaction

Squeeze feet

Pull tail for reaction

Pat side of animal roughly

Animal is comfortable with hands-on examination

Animal will tolerate rough or unexpected handling by a handicapped individual

Station #4 Walk Through (Cones in 'L' Shape)

Owner walk animal along the "L" shape

Owner have animal sit, down, stay

Owner walk away for 10 sec. Tester to notice the reaction of animal when owner goes away

Have owner collect animal after the 10 sec. Tester to notice reaction of animal when owner returns

Station #5 Figure 8 or 'S' shape / Out For a Walk [3 cones]

To demonstrate animal is under control, animal follows owner through a figure 8 configuration & a crowd of people to demonstrate it is comfortable in crowded situations (only if 'crowd' is available)

The walk includes stopping and sitting

Station #6 Wheelchair - Reaction to Distractions

Tester will be in wheelchair.

Owner will remain in control of animal as tester moves around in wheelchair.

Tester to look for reaction such as barking or growling.

The animal should not show panic or aggression during this exercise.

Station #7**Crutches or walker - Reaction to Distractions**

Owner to walk animal in straight line past person holding crutches.

Tester to drop crutches.

Tester to look for reaction such as barking or growling.

The animal should not show panic or aggression during this exercise.

Station #8**Reaction to dog &/or cat**

The owner leads the animal by an unknown dog and cat.

The tested animal should behave politely and show no more than casual interest in the other animals.

Positive Reactions	Negative Reactions	
Easily takes food	Aggressiveness	Howling
Gentle nature	Barking	Loss of control by owner
Outgoing	Biting	Snapping
Owner in total control	Clawing	Whining
Pleasant	Eliminating	
Smiling face	Excessive nervousness or fear	
Wagging tail	Growling	

Station #9**Check-Out**

Testers will 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 before you leave the testing site. Don't be anxious because most all animals pass. Should your animal fail, you may try again during another scheduled test.