

# PAWS Working Dog Evaluation

Wildwood's \_\_\_\_ Litter

Puppy's ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Age at testing: \_\_\_\_\_

*The test is divided into seven areas. Instead of a numeric score, the evaluations of Excellent, Okay, and Indifferent is used. This indicates how driven each puppy is per each area of the evaluation. Scores of all "Excellent" do not make a puppy better than one scoring all "indifferent", it simply means these puppies are meant for different jobs in life.*

## Test 1: Prey Drive

### Prey Drive



Using a toy, tester gets dog's attention and throws the toy a short distance away. (Note: roll/bounce toy with younger puppies.)

	EXC Puppy runs to teaser and immediately snatches up, perhaps shaking to "kill" it.
	OK Puppy runs to teaser and checks it out. May pick up toy if thrown repeatedly.
	IND Puppy doesn't run to teaser or shows no interest.

## Test 2: Retrieve

### Retrieve



After puppy gets teaser, tester encourages puppy to bring back by jogging backwards and calling.

	EXC Immediately brings back and spits out toy for more play.
	OK Brings back but doesn't give up toy.
	OK Brings back but darts out of reach, wanting you to chase.
	IND Doesn't bring back.

### Test 3: Hunt Drive (Persistence)

#### Persistence



Hide toy under foot or in hands (just barely showing) and encourage puppy to find.

	EXC Digs, mouths, and whines for toy.
	OK Nudges and uses paws for toy.
	IND Tries halfheartedly or not at all.

### Test 4: Tug Response



Using towel, booda, or rag, tease puppy and allow to grab.

	EXC Immediately grabs and tugs vigorously.
	OK Grabs with repeated teasing and/or encouragement, lets go.
	IND Grabs only if repeatedly teased. Won't hold on.

## Test 5: Possessiveness

### **Possessiveness**



Tester lets go of tug while in puppy's mouth.

	EXC Shakes toy to "kill" it, tries to engage tester to play again.
	EXC Shakes toy to "kill" it, runs away with toy.
	EXC Regrips and carries, tries to engage tester to play again.
	EXC Regrips and carries away toy.
	OK Runs away with toy, drops soon after.
	IND Drops immediately.

## Test 6: Follow (<3 months)/Recall (>3 months)



Helper restrains while tester jogs backwards and calls dog's name once. Clapping OK for young puppies.

### **Recall**

	EXC Runs to tester, ramming shoulder into tester's leg or jumping up.
	EXC Runs to tester and solicits affection.
	OK Jogs to tester, nudging or looking for attention.
	IND Jogs to tester & 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 puppy for 30 seconds.

	EXC Willingly looks at tester's face and toy for duration. Cocks head to listen.
	EXC Watches tester for duration, looking away briefly if background distractions interfere.
	OK Watches tester but needs to be re-engaged a few times.
	IND Easily distracted or unwilling to look at tester's face.

## **Overall Evaluation:**