

Behavioral Assessment:

Dog Name	Lily #27
ID NO:	25-118
Arrival Date:	4/16
Date Tested:	12/16
Tested By:	DS
Test Level: <i>(See level descriptions at the end of the test assessment.)</i>	2, 3

Behavior Assessment is a standard practice of rescues and shelters to evaluate the personality and behavior of the dogs in the program. The purpose of the test is to gain an understanding of the dog's character. The test is performed a minimum of 3 to 5 days after the dog's arrival as some dogs may be stressed when they first arrive and testing during this time may not be an accurate assessment. Although all efforts are made with the end goal of making the best possible placement for both the dog and owner, it is impossible to guarantee the personality and behavior of any dog. The behavior assessment is not an express or implied warranty or guarantee of any kind of the dog's personality and behavior. We strongly advise that you monitor your dog closely and use caution/discretion as to with whom and under what circumstances interactions are allowed with your dog until you have fully acclimated the dog to its new surroundings and have formed your own observation and assessments of the dog's personality and behavior after acclimation to its new placement.

GENERAL BEHAVIOR:

These questions are designed to determine how the dog interacts with strangers and to get a feel for the dog's general demeanor.

MEETING PEOPLE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friendly, eager to associate – when she knows you
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cautious/apprehensive, then relaxed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May growl when first meeting new people, but warms up quickly with some treats.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoids/ignores
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please describe:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is dog anxious or stressed? If so, list signs:

ON LEASH

Leash Manners

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Walks well – with harness
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pulls constantly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lags behind, needs encouragement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can get stubborn and stop, will go again for a treat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pulls to access other dogs or people
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fearful of leash

Reaction to dogs while on leash

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fine; no problems noted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friendly; wants to play – can be very rough playing outside
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indifferent/ignores
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pulls/lunges
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Guards items inside, may need to be only pet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Okay at distance, not face to face

CONFIDENCE LEVEL

Standing overhead with three strokes down the back

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Happy and affectionate; dog likes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stiff, statue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walks away is indifferent

Teeth examination

<input type="checkbox"/>	No reaction; dog is fine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wiggles or shakes to get away; little reaction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Growls, lip curls; does not like

Hugs

x	Happy and affectionate; dog likes
x	Wiggly
	Goes belly up or flattens out
	Urinates
	Stiff, statue
	Growls, barks or snaps; does not like

Push on shoulders

x	Playful, interactive
	Playful, mouthy
	Timid, shies away
x	Comes back to tester
	Indifferent, no reaction
	Whips head around
	Growls, lip curls or snarls
	Other:

Sensitivity to Handling

	Grabbing collar
	Touching feet
	Touching tail
	Looking in ears
	Other:
x	None observed

Arousal:

Some dogs may tend to guard resources, such as toys, bones or other objects. In this test (while off leash), we initiate play, and, when the dog is at its highest level of play intensity, we take possession of the toy and stand still.

Dog's Reaction

x	Nice level of play
	Played with encouragement
	Became highly aroused (jumped up, body slammed, mouthed) but calmed down quickly
	Became highly aroused (jumped up, body slammed, mouthed) and stayed that way after the interaction stopped
	Became fearful
	Showed little/no interest in playing

Preferred toy

x	Balls !!
x	Bones
x	Squeak Toy
x	Rope Toys
x	Stuffed Toys
y	Chews Up Stuffed Toys

Comments: Loves toys

FOOD GUARDING:

Some dogs become protective of their food bowls or other food objects, and may growl or try to bite when approached. The first test indicates if the dog will react if an artificial hand is presented to the dog without food nearby. The second test determines the dogs' tolerance for being petted while eating, and having someone try to put hands in their bowl.

Assess hand reaction without food present

x	Fine, no reaction
	Wanted to play with hand
	Timid, shy

Assess hand reaction with food present

	Fine, no reaction
x	Eats extremely fast
x	Body blocks

<input type="checkbox"/>	Freezes, lip curls or growls
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bites hand
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Tests skills related to the dog's environment and social skills.

Ability to use steps

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fine; no problems noted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fearful; will not attempt
<input type="checkbox"/>	Slowly; may need assistance and/or encouragement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable; mobility limitations

MANNERS AND OBEDIENCE SKILLS:

Tests dog's basic skill and provides insight on what motivates dog for further development.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Appears to have no training (mark with "x" if appropriate)
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Commands test

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Down – with a lure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Come
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stay – 2 seconds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Give Paw/Shake
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: Leave it

Dog is motivated with

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Food !!
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Praise
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Toys
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

Ease of training

x	Easy
x	Moderate
	Difficult

BEHAVIOR CHALLENGES:

Behavior Traits Observed	None Observed	Moderate Concern	Significant Concern
Jumping on people		x	
Mouthing (grabbing clothes, arms, legs with mouth)	X		
Jumping or climbing fences	X		
Digging in yard	X		
Urinating when excited	X		
Mounting people (“humping”)	X		
Mounting other dogs	X		
Counter Surfing		x	
Anxiety when left alone	X		
Other:			
Other:			

Evaluation Snapshot:

Comparison rating of the dog regarding various traits and behaviors:

Confident		x				Timid
Independent			x			Dependent
Tolerant		x				Sensitive
Attentive			x			Distracted
Gentle				x		Rough
Calm					x	High Energy
Appeasing				x		Assertive
Playful	x					Serious
Outgoing		x				Reserved
People Centered		x				Environment Centered
Resilient		x				Slow to Recover
Shares Well				x		Guards Resource

Best Type of Environment:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Calm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Busy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chaotic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any

Best Type of Owner:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Experienced
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Novice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any

LEVEL SUMMARY DESCRIPTIONS:**Level 1:**

Super easy, low energy, no issues; would do well in virtually any home regardless of owner experience.

Level 2:

Low to moderate energy though some activity may induce high energy. Needs average leadership; generally lacks obedience or house manners. Could be shy, quiet or outgoing but not difficult. Dog may have minor issues that are easy to address and is a good dog.

Level 3:

Moderate, high or very high energy/drive. Needs an owner experienced with leadership and proper management. Typically good dog but may have challenging behavior. Could be dog reactive or aggressive and possibly the only animal in a home.

Level 4:

Intense focus and/or extreme energy/drive. Could be a dog for fly ball, agility or other sporting abilities. Can be strong, pushy or dominant. Needs experienced owner that has commitment to provide the dog with the guidance and training he/she needs to be successful.

Level 5:

Extreme lack of social skills regarding humans; needs a canine mentor. Requires owner commitment and patience to allow dog to grow at its own pace and increase confidence.

ONGOING OBSERVATION:

POTTY HABITS

Dated Tested:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Routine, no problems noted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occasional accident in kennel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequent accidents, will likely need remedial house training post adoption

Comments:

NOTES:

Lily had a rough start in life.

Diagnosed with cancer as a puppy, she's been on chemotherapy for months and missed out on early socialization. She shows some stranger danger and some guarding of items sometimes, and a little stubbornness, but these can be managed with some dog knowledge and common sense.

She is just a big puppy at this point and needs lots of exercise.

Happy, playful, jumps for attention.

Loves toys. Loves food.

Very smart.

Has nice obedience skills, when there is food present for rewarding.

Very affectionate. Leans against me and puts her head in my lap for snuggles.

Just needs someone to give her a chance to shine.