

Little Rock K-9 Academy's Canine Personality Profile

When presented with the opportunity, does your dog

Name: _____

Always – 10 Sometimes – 5 Never – 0

1. Sniff the ground or air a lot? _____
2. Get along with other dogs? _____
3. Stand his/her ground or investigate strange objects or sounds? _____
4. Run away from new situations? _____
5. Get excited by moving objects, such as bikes or squirrels? _____
6. Get along with people? _____
7. Like to play tug-of-war to win? _____
8. Hide behind you with he/she can't cope? _____
9. Stalks cats, other dogs or things in the grass? _____
10. Bark when left alone? _____
11. Bark or growl in a deep tone? _____
12. Act fearful in unfamiliar situations? _____
13. When excited, bark in a high pitched voice? _____
14. Solicit petting or like to snuggle with you? _____
15. Guard territory? _____
16. Tremble or whine when unsure? _____
17. Pounce on toys? _____
18. Like to be groomed? _____
19. Guard food or toys? _____
20. Crawl or turn upside down when reprimanded? _____
21. Shake and "kill" toys? _____
22. Seek eye contact with you? _____
23. Dislike being petted? _____
24. Avoid coming to you when called? _____
25. Steal food or garbage? _____
26. Follow you around like a shadow? _____
27. Guard his/her owner(s)? _____
28. Have difficulty standing still when groomed/brushed? _____
29. Like to carry things? _____
30. Play a lot with other dogs? _____
31. Dislike being groomed or bathed? _____
32. Cringe when someone strange bends over him/her? _____
33. Wolf down food? _____
34. Jump up to greet people? _____
35. Like to fight other dogs? _____
36. Urinate during greeting behavior? _____
37. Like to dig and bury things? _____
38. Show reproductive behaviors or mounting other dogs? _____
39. When a young dog, get picked on by other dogs? _____
40. Tend to bite when cornered? _____

Little Rock K-9 Academy's Canine Personality Profile Score Sheet

Name of Dog _____

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| 1) _____ | 2) _____ | 3) _____ | 4) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 6) _____ | 7) _____ | 8) _____ |
| 9) _____ | 10) _____ | 11) _____ | 12) _____ |
| 13) _____ | 14) _____ | 15) _____ | 16) _____ |
| 17) _____ | 18) _____ | 19) _____ | 20) _____ |
| 21) _____ | 22) _____ | 23) _____ | 24) _____ |
| 25) _____ | 26) _____ | 27) _____ | 28) _____ |
| 29) _____ | 30) _____ | 31) _____ | 32) _____ |
| 33) _____ | 34) _____ | 35) _____ | 36) _____ |
| 37) _____ | 38) _____ | 39) _____ | 40) _____ |

Total _____	Total _____	Total _____	Total _____
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Prey Drive	Pack Drive	Defense (fight)	Defense (flight)
100	100	100	100
75 _____	75 _____	75 _____	75 _____
50 _____	50 _____	50 _____	50 _____
25 _____	25 _____	25 _____	25 _____
0	0	0	0

Practical Application

By looking at your dog's Profile, you will know which training techniques work best and are in harmony with your dog's Drives. You now have the tools to tailor your training program for your dog.

Defense (Fight) - more than 60. Your dog will not be bothered too much by a firm hand. Note: Correct body posture is not critical, although incongruent postures on your part will slow down the training. Your tone of voice should be firm, but pleasant and non-threatening.

Defense (Flight) - more than 60. Your dog will not respond to force training and you will have to rely mainly on the other Drives.

Correct body posture and a quiet, pleasant tone of voice are critical. Avoid using a harsh tone of voice and any hovering, either leaning over on toward your dog. There is a premium on congruent body postures and gentle handling.

Prey - more than 60. Your dog will respond well to the use of a treat or a toy during the teaching phase. A firm hand may be necessary, depending on the strength of the Defense Drive (Fight) to suppress the Prey Drive when in high gear, such as when chasing a cat or spotting a squirrel. These dogs are easily motivated, but also easily distracted by motion or moving objects.

Prey - less than 60. Your dog is probably not easily motivated by food or other objects, but is also not easily distracted by moving objects.

Pack - more than 60. This dog responds readily to praise and touch. Your dog likes to be with you and will respond with a little guidance.

Pack - less than 60. Start praying. Daisy probably does not care whether she is with you or not. She likes to do her own things and is not easily motivated. Your only hope is to rely on Prey Drive in training. Limited pack Drive is usually breed-specific for dogs bred to work independently of people.

Note: Dogs that exhibit an over abundance of Prey or Pack are also easily trained, but you will have to pay more attention to the strengths of their Drives and exploit those behaviors most useful to you in training. You now have the tools to do it!

Important hint: If your dog is high in Defense (Fight), you need to work especially diligently on - and review frequently - your leadership exercises. If your dog is high in Prey you also need to work on these exercises, not necessarily because your dog wants to become pack leader, but to control her around doorways and moving objects. If your dog is high in both, you may need professional help.

The Couch Potato - low Prey, low Pack, low Defense. Difficult to motivate and probably does not need any training. Needs extra patience if training is attempted since there are few behaviors with which to work. On the plus side, this dog is unlikely to get into trouble, will not disturb anyone, will make a good family pet and does not mind being left alone for considerable periods of time.

The Hunter - high Prey, low Pack, low Defense. This dog will give the appearance of having an extremely short attention span, but is perfectly able to concentrate on what she finds interesting. Training will require the channeling of her energy to get her to do what you want. Patience will be required because the dog will have to be taught through Prey Drive.

The Gas Station Dog - high Prey, low Pack, high Defense (Fight). This dog is independent and not easy to live with as a pet and companion. Highly excitable by movement and may attack anything that comes within range. Does not care much about people or dogs and will do well as a guard dog. Pack exercises such as heeling need to be built up through Prey. A real challenge.

The Runner - high Prey, low Pack, high Defense (Flight). Easily startled and/or frightened. Needs quiet and reassuring handling. Not a good choice for children.

The Shadow - low Prey, high Pack, low Defense. This dog will follow you around all day, and it is doubtful that she will get into trouble. Likes to be with you and is not interested in chasing much of anything.

Teacher's Pet - medium (50-75) Prey, Pack and Defense (Fight). Easy to train and motivate. Mistakes on your part are not critical.