



Temperament and Behaviour Evaluation – Lupine Dog

W.O.L.F. v1

Temperament and Behaviour Evaluation

Dog Reg. Name:**Microchip Number:****Owner Name:****W.O.L.F. Membership Number:**

Committee use only:

% =

Beh score =

Grading Survey score =

Classification =

Signed:

Behaviour:

All Lupine Dogs are expected to be 'high maintenance', especially when young – they can be destructive in house, require lots of social contact with family, require regular time outside their enclosure/living area to explore and experience environmental enrichment, require 'escape proof' containment, and will be physically demanding due to their size, athleticism and intelligence. Their play can be rough and high energy and they all have a healthy prey drive. However, **Classic** Lupine Dogs will show the highest level of adaptability given appropriate training and socialisation and are most likely to settle when mature.

Trainability: While their smartness can lead them to pick up bad habits, **Classic** Lupine Dogs will typically have more motivation for training than **Intermediate** and **Advanced** Lupine Dogs.

Guarding & object holding: Should not show significantly more food/object guarding behaviour than in guarding dog breeds. Any unwanted behaviour will be open to 'shaping' by positive reinforcement.

Same Gender Aggression: Same gender aggression should not be significantly higher in Lupine Dogs than in dog breeds who show this tendency, especially when neutered. Certainly, if trained they should be able to function under control on-lead in public places.

Greeting behaviour to dogs: Should have tolerance for the unnaturally high levels of bounciness during greetings bred into some domestic dog breeds.

Reaction to strange people: Should remain calm in the presence of strangers. While they may be initially aloof, they should 'come around' to well behaved strangers quickly.

General fear: While animals may be cautious of some novel/unnatural experiences, they should be open to adaptation, especially if introduced when young.

Guidance Notes:

- *Part A* must only be performed if safe to do so by a qualified trainer, behaviourist or a veterinarian. *Part B* may be completed by the owner/handler/W.O.L.F. Evaluator.
- Test may be in the form of observation of behaviour at an event like a dog show or veterinary waiting room.
- Dogs must achieve a Part A score above 10 to pass and all dogs with any '0' score will fail
- 'Controllable' defence/reaction involves behaviour signals which are not of themselves dangerous – e.g., short warning growl/bark/light lead pull etc
- 'Uncontrollable' defence/reaction are behaviours which, even on the lead could be considered dangerous to the owner, other people or other animals such as pulling/lunging to the extent that the owner loses balance or is dragged, biting etc. Sustained defensive/excitement reactionary signalling to the extent that it may be considered intimidatory also falls into this category e.g., sustained barking
- 'Stranger' or 'strange' = Non-Family member, not regularly seen or never seen, outside of normal social circle, veterinarian, behaviourist, trainer, judge, member of the public.
- 'Passive dog' = Non-Family member, none regularly seen dog/outside of normal social circle.
- Special circumstances. There are two special circumstance allowances. Firstly, if environmental factors on the day increase the difficulty of the evaluation, the evaluator may use their discretion when assigning categories or providing options to retest/alter the test if appropriate in their professional judgement. Secondly, if there are previous environmental experience(s) that have negatively biased the animal (e.g., attacked by another dog), the evaluator may use their professional discretion when assigning a category. In both cases, evaluator must fill in the 'special circumstances' part of this form.
- **FOR SAFETY REASONS - OWNERS MUST DECLARE TO THE EVALUATOR IF THEY ANTICIPATE DEFENSIVE OR UNCONTROLLBLE REACTIONS TO THE TESTS.** It is then at the professional discretion of the evaluator to modify/delete that test and fill in details in the 'special circumstances' section.

**WORLD OF
LUPINES
FOUNDATION**

Part A

A - General calm demeanour at busy public location on lead (high arousal may refer to both excitement and fear response in this question) /5

- 0 - Extremely high arousal, zero focus on handler, uncontrollable
- 1 - Very high arousal, occasional focus on handler, sometimes struggles with control
- 2 - High arousal, will remain with handler, poor eye contact, controllable
- 3 - Medium arousal, will remain with handler, intermittent eye contact, controllable
- 4 - Medium arousal, open demeanour, attentive to handler whenever asked
- 5 - Low arousal calm, open demeanour, attentive to handler whenever asked.

B - Walk on lead in a controllable manner past stationary passive dog (3m) /5

- 0 - Barking/repeated lunging/bolting/flight – unsafe control
- 1 – Barking, teeth bared growl, air snapping, occasional jumping/bolting yet safe control on lead
- 2 - Controllable defensive behaviour (posturing/vocalisation e.g. growl)
- 3 - Shy/reserved/heightened arousal but no active signalling/reactivity. Uncontrollable excitement (uncontrollable excitement lunging etc) or sustained excitement vocalisations that could be considered intimidatory to the public.
- 4 - Pulls controllably/vocalises non-sustained excited/friendly, no aggression
- 5 - Excellent behaviour – calm, open demeanour, full control by owner

C- Remain under control on a lead while passive dog walks past (3m advisory) /5

- 0 - Barking/repeated lunging/bolting/flight - unsafe control
- 1 – Barking, teeth bared growl, air snapping, occasional jumping/bolting yet safe control on lead
- 2 - Controllable defensive behaviour (posturing/vocalisation e.g. non-teeth bared growl)
- 3 - Shy/reserved/heightened arousal but no active signalling/reactivity. Uncontrollable excitement (uncontrollable excitement lunging etc) or sustained excitement vocalisations that could be considered intimidatory to the public.
- 4 - Pulls controllably/vocalises non-sustained excited/friendly, no aggression
- 5 - Excellent behaviour – calm, open demeanour, full control by owner

D - Remain calm & nonaggressive when approached by a stranger /5

- 0 - Barking/lunging/unsafe control
- 1 - Controllable defensive reaction/remains calm with no touch contact
- 2 - Bolting/flight
- 3 - Shy/reserved but no flight
- 4 - Excited/friendly but no aggression
- 5 - Excellent behaviour - calm, open demeanour, full owner control

E - Remain calm & nonaggressive when handled/examined by a stranger /5

- 0 - Barking/lunging/unsafe control & unable to handle/uncontrollable
- 1 - Controllable defensive behaviour
- 2 - Bolting/flight
- 3 - Shy/reserved but no flight
- 4 - Pulls excited/friendly but no defensive behaviour
- 5 - Excellent behaviour - calm, open demeanour, full owner control

F - Startle test (clip board/object dropped 2m behind walking animal on lead): no excessive startle & good speed of recovery ('recovery' – regains focus on owner & able to regain composed lead walk) /5

- 0 - Owner not happy to test OR uncontrollable defensive reaction, highly sensitised for over 10 minutes
- 1 - Excessive fear reaction, urination/defecation/attempt at bolting/over 10 minutes recovery
- 2 - Controllable defensive behaviour, recovers under 10 minutes
- 3 - Strong fear reaction, jumping/bolting, recovers within 5 minutes
- 4 - Reaction (flinch/body turn), speedy recovery (less than 1 minute)
- 5 - Mild (head turn/small flinch), reaction, almost immediate recovery

Behaviour Evaluation results:

Test	A	B	C	D	E	F
Score						

total = /30

Observing Expert Name:

Qualification:

Signature:

Date:

Part B**A: Food Guarding**

1. No individual (including owner and living companion) is tolerated close while eating/ holding a valued object – any approach into vicinity (e.g. less than 5m)
2. Only owners and trusted living companions are tolerated close while eating/holding a valued object – non-family elicit active defence
3. Calm people are tolerated in vicinity while eating/holding valued object, but dog actively defends if contact from non-family is attempted
4. People may make physical contact with animal while eating/holding valued object - animal may mildly vocalise and grip object
5. People may make physical contact with animal while eating/ holding valued object, no reaction from animal

B: Same gender aggression within family (NOTE: NOT seasonal aggression - see section C)

0. Intolerant of canines and people of same gender - severe active aggression
 1. Intolerant of canines of same gender - severe active aggression, uncontrollably intolerant of non-family canines
 2. Tolerant
 3. Enjoys opposite gender friendships but same gender aggression at home or uncontrollable same gender aggression in public
 4. Enjoys same gender friendships at home but controllable same gender defensive behaviour with non-family canines
 5. Enjoys same gender friendships both in home and in public

C: Seasonal behaviour changes/winter breeding cycle

1. Cycles/heats/fertile only in winter/spring. Shows increased restlessness/calling. Becomes actively aggressive towards family/caregivers (all except for mate)
2. Cycles/heats/fertile only in winter/spring. Shows increased restlessness/calling. Becomes actively intolerant of same gender individuals including family.
3. Cycles/heats/fertile only in winter/spring. Shows increased restlessness/calling. Becomes actively intolerant of same gender individuals not including family.
4. Cycles/heats/fertile only in winter/spring. Shows increased restlessness/calling but remains generally open
5. Breeds on a dog breeding cycle

D: Greeting behaviour: strange animals

0. Only views strange animals as a threat/interference/prey
 1. Neutral/mild avoidance both genders
 2. Interest in calm open dogs of opposite gender, neutral or avoidance of same gender
 3. Interest in calm open dogs of both genders
 4. Interest in energetic dogs of opposite gender, calm if same gender
 5. Interest in energetic open dogs

E: Trainability

1. Zero focus and interest even with low levels of arousal or in familiar environments
2. Poor focus and interest when alone or in a familiar environment, zero focus and interest when aroused or in distracting environments
3. Average focus and interest for short periods in a familiar environment, poor focus and interest when aroused or in distracting environments
4. High focus, interest and mental stamina for training in a familiar environment, takes a short time (maximum 15 minutes) to settle to this same level of high focus when aroused or in a distracting environment.
5. High focus and mental stamina for training, even when highly aroused or in distracting environments

F: House Training

0. Can't be in the home
1. Can be in familiar home under intense supervision/on leash/with restrictions for periods of time, outdoor containment when unattended
2. Can be in familiar home when attended, outdoor containment when unattended
3. Can be left home alone when crated/contained, settles in home when accompanied but takes time to acclimatise to other indoor locations
4. Can be left home alone when crated/contained, settles in home when accompanied and in other locations
5. Settles indoors at home and in other locations. Can be left home alone uncontained as an adult

Grade results:

Test	A	B	C	D	E	F
Score						

Grade total = /30

Note: W.O.L.F. Committee analyse both total and individual results to determine a Lupine Dog's husbandry requirements. Results from all other tests (behavioural evaluation, DNA, pedigree profile) will be used in conjunction to determine the classification of a Lupine Dog as Classic, Intermediate or Advanced.

SCORING:

A black result on any of the above tests is an automatic FAIL

A mostly Blue score would indicate an Advanced Lupine Dog

A mostly Purple score would indicate an Intermediate Lupine Dog

A mostly Green score would indicate a Classic Lupine Dog

Special Circumstances:

‘I the evaluator used disclosed knowledge of special circumstances to aid classification for:

Test Number:	Type of special circumstance:		Details & evidence?
	On the day:	Previous history:	

Observing Evaluator:

Signature:

Date: