



Temperament and Behavioural Evaluation

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World of Lupines Foundation Temperament and Behavioural Evaluation

The World of Lupines Foundation (W.O.L.F.) Temperament and Behavioural Evaluation for Lupine Dogs and Foundation Lupine Dogs is a two-part process for formal entry onto the register. The evaluation is to serve as a standardised system to demonstrate a well-mannered canine and provide a general indication of a dog's adaptability to the modern environment. The Temperament and Behavioral Evaluation is utilised by W.O.L.F.'s Lupine Dog Classification System for all eligible breeding dogs.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Part A of the evaluation is the World of Lupines Foundation Canine Companion (CC) scheme. The CC is comprised of 10-steps which a dog must perform with their owner or handler and receive a passing score to qualify for award. This portion of the evaluation can be done either in-person at a W.O.L.F. event/show, or by video recording and sent directly to your Chapter Chairperson for grading. It is to be completed for all prospective Foundation Lupine Dogs, Lupine Dogs, and non-breeding Lupine Dogs in order to achieve W.O.L.F.'s CC Award and qualify for their respective registration.

Part B of the Temperament and Behavioral Evaluation is to be completed by the owner. This portion is only a requirement for Foundation Lupine Dogs and Lupine Dogs intended for breeding and must be submitted with the registration application.

Parts A and B of W.O.L.F.'s Temperament and Behavioral Evaluation is utilised by the Lupine Dog Classification system where dogs are given the designation of Classic, Intermediate, or Advanced. The classification system enables potential owners to find the Lupine Dog that best matches their lifestyle and living environment whilst also allowing breeders working within the structure the opportunity to follow their breeding goals yet remaining united under W.O.L.F.'s ethical and responsible breeding practices.

TESTING POLICIES: EQUIPMENT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND DISQUALIFICATION

- All tests are on lead. The dog's collar should be a flat buckle collar, slip collar, martingale, or head collar. The dog may also wear a well-fitted harness. Electric collars that shock or emit a vibration for control of the dog, and prong or pinch collars are strictly prohibited. The evaluator will supply a 20-foot lead for recalls.
- Owners may use verbal praise and encourage their dog throughout testing. Reinforcement such as food, squeaky toys or balls may be used to encourage the dog to perform at any part of the test.
- Any dog that demonstrates aggressive behavior such as lunging, snapping, or attempting to bite the evaluator, other dogs or the owner will be immediately disqualified, and testing will stop.
- Any dog considered dangerously out of control by the evaluator will be immediately disqualified, and testing will stop.

Part A:

Test 1: Approached by a friendly stranger

In this situation a stranger (evaluator) will approach the dog and the owner in a friendly, open manner. The stranger will stop and greet the owner, ignoring the dog. The stranger will shake the owner's hand and walk away.

The dog must not show any aggression towards the stranger. The dog does not need to remain at a sit, but they should not be overly excited, barking, or jumping on either the owner or the stranger. Lupine Dogs can be aloof.

Test 2: Politely allowing petting by a friendly stranger

In this situation a stranger (evaluator) will approach the dog while it is sitting or standing at its owner's side. After greeting the owner, the evaluator will ask if it is ok to pet the dog.

The evaluator will then pet the dog on the back or shoulder area.

The dog may move while being petted but should not react with excessive flight or any aggression.

Test 3: Physical health and appearance

All dog owners should take pride in their canine's appearance and physical health. It is important that a veterinarian can examine dogs for wellness exams. In this situation the evaluator will inspect the dog to assure its coat is clean and brushed. The dog should be of appropriate weight, neither under nor overweight. The dog should allow the evaluator to look in their ears and run their hands down the length of the back and down the legs. The dog is permitted to move around during the inspection and the owner may talk to the dog and offer praise and reassurance.

Test 4: Walking on a loose leash

In this situation the dog will be walked by on a loose leash by their owner. This exercise will show that the owner has control over the dog. The dog does not have to stay at heel nor sit at stops.

The evaluator will instruct the owner to walk the dog at ease. During this time the owner will be asked to do at least one right turn, one left turn, and one about turn. The evaluator will ask the owner to stop at least once during this exercise. The dog should remain well-mannered during this exercise. They will neither lunge ahead and pull the owner uncontrollably, nor lag behind with excessive resistance. The owner is permitted to praise and offer the dog positive encouragement and reward.

Test 5: Distraction and recovery

The dog should be able to handle everyday distractions with confidence and without excessive fear. While it is ok for the dog to be momentarily startled or show interest, the dog should recover in a timely manner. The dog should show no aggression if the distraction involves a person.

The evaluator will choose two distractions for each dog tested. Distractions can be anything from an object being dropped or moved, to a person walking nearby with an object such as a cane in their hand. After asking the owner if they are ready the evaluator will perform the first distraction. The owner may talk to and encourage their dog throughout. After the first distraction the evaluator will ask the owner if they are ready for the second distraction. Again, the owner may talk to/reward and encourage their dog throughout.

Test 6: Walking politely through a crowd

In this situation, the owner will walk the dog on a loose leash through a crowd of people. This exercise will show that the owner has control over the dog in public places. The dog does not have to stay at heel nor sit on stops.

The evaluator will ask the owner to walk their dog through a group of at least four people. The dog can show some interest in the people. The dog should not be overly excited, nor exhibit excessive shyness. The dog should not pull excessively on the leash, nor lag behind with resistance, nor jump at or on any of the people in the group while passing by.

Test 7: Behaving politely around another dog

This evaluation tests how well the dog interacts with other canines. Two owners will walk towards each other from approximately 20 feet away. As they meet, they will stop, say hello to each other, and shake hands. The dogs can be put in a sit if the owner so chooses. They will then continue their walk. The dog being tested should not demonstrate excessive fear of the other owner or the other dog. The dog being tested should also show no aggression towards the other owner or the other dog.

Test 8: Sit, down and remaining in place (on long line)

In this situation the dog will be evaluated on basic obedience commands. The owner will be asked to put their dog in a sit. This must be done without touching and/or forcing the dog into place. The owner will then be asked to put their dog in a down position. This must also be done without touching and/or forcing the dog into position. The owner will then be asked to either put their dog in a sit/stay or down/stay, whichever is more comfortable for the dog. The owner will walk appropriately 20 feet away, turn and return to their dog. The dog should not move from the position the owner left it in. The owner can release the dog from position upon return.

Test 9: On lead recall (long line)

This evaluation tests the recall of the dog. Using a long line, the owner will put their dog in a sit/wait, down/wait or stand/wait position. The owner will walk approximately 20 feet away from their dog. The owner will then call their dog by name. The owner may verbally praise and encourage their dog to recall.

Test 10: Reaction to separation from owner

This test evaluates whether the dog can be left in the care of another person. The dog should be able to be left briefly with the evaluator or second handler without causing the dog undue stress or fear.

The evaluator will approach and ask the owner if it is ok to hold their dog. At this time the owner will give the evaluator the leash and walk away from their dog. The dog does not have to maintain any certain position. The dog should not show excessive fear or aggression. The dog should not bark, whine excessively, or pace uncontrollably. The evaluator may talk to, pet, encourage or distract the dog but not use excessive force to manage or control the dog.

Part B:

A: Resource Guarding

1. Severe = No individual (including owner or companion) is tolerated while eating/holding a valued resource (e.g. within 5m)
2. Moderate = Owners and companions are tolerated close while eating/holding a valued resource (e.g. within 5m)
3. Mild = Calm strangers are tolerated while eating/holding valued resource (e.g. within 5m)
4. None = Strangers may safely make physical contact while eating/holding valued resource

B: Same Sex Aggression (NOTE: NOT seasonal behaviour - see section C)

1. Severe = No same sex relationships with another canines
2. Moderate = Intolerant of some same sex canines or stranger canines
3. Mild = Tolerant under direct supervision
4. None = Enjoys same gender friendships with known canines. Controllable same gender defensive behaviour with stranger canines

C: Seasonal Behaviour

1. Severe = Only fertile in winter/spring. Actively aggressive towards all except for canine mate
2. Moderate = Only fertile winter/spring. Actively intolerant of some individual family members/caregivers
3. Mild = Only fertile in winter/spring. Behaviour unchanged with all family members/caregivers
4. None = Able to breed throughout the year, fertile in any season or no behaviour changes

D: Focus

1. Severe = No human interest or cooperation
2. Moderate = Some focus and cooperation with minimal distraction
3. Mild = Good focus and cooperation for short periods
4. Good = Focused and cooperative with distraction over long periods (e.g. more than 15mins)

E: Adaption

1. Severe = Cannot safely be in a human home environment
2. Moderate = Can be in a familiar human home under supervision
3. Mild = Can be left home alone when crated/contained, settles in home when accompanied but takes time to acclimatize to other indoor locations
4. Good = Can be left home alone when crated/contained, settles in home and in unfamiliar locations

Results:

Part A;

Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4	Test 5	Test 6	Test 7	Test 8	Test 9	Test 10

Part B;

Test	A	B	C	D	E
Score					

Grade total = /20

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

