

**PAWS**  
**TEMPERAMENT TEST EXPLAINED**

The following steps don't necessarily occur in the order listed and may be combined or separated ; and may be modified as necessary. The testing area often dictates the order and arrangement of

- Station #1**      **CHECK-IN**  
Owner to complete "Application for Animal, Temperament Testing"  
The application may be completed in advance by printing form from [www](http://www.paaws.org)  
Dogs must be leashed during testing  
Check for current rabies vaccination
- Station #2**      **EXAMINATION TABLE** (Check for grooming)  
Clean & well groomed  
Check for fleas  
Check teeth for cleanliness & breath for freshness  
Check ears for cleanliness  
Check privates  
Check for excessively long or sharp nails  
Give animal "treat" - Observe how animal takes treat from stranger  
Animal does not jump on people
- Station #3**      **MULTIPLE HANDS ON / ACCEPTING FRIENDLY STRANGER**  
Animal accepts being petted by multiple, individuals. Evaluate the general ten any sensitive areas to be avoided (i.e. ears, tail, etc)  
Pull ears for reaction  
Squeeze feet for reaction  
Pull tail for reaction  
Pat side of animal roughly  
Animal is comfortable with hands-on examination  
Animal will tolerate rough or unexpected handling by a handicapped individual
- Station #4**      **WALK THROUGH** (Cones in "L" Shape)  
Owner walk animal along the "L" shape  
Owner have animal sit, down, stay  
Owner walk away for 10 sec. Tester to notice the reaction of animal when owne  
Have owner collect animal after the 10 sec. Tester to notice reaction of animal v
- Station #5**      **OUT FOR A WALK** (Figure 8 or "S" shape / 3 cones)  
To demonstrate animal is under control, animal follows owner through a figure :  
demonstrate it is comfortable in crowded situations (only if 'crowd' is available)  
The walk includes animal stopping and sitting
- Station #6**      **WHEELCHAIR** (Reaction to distractions)  
Tester will be in wheelchair  
Owner will remain in control of animal as tester moves around in wheelchair  
Tester to look for reaction such as barking or growling  
The animal should not show panic or aggression during this exercise
- Station #7**      **CRUTCHES OR WALKER** (Reaction to distractions)  
Owner to walk animal in straight line past person holding crutches  
Tester to drop crutches & look for reaction such as barking or growling  
The animal should not show panic or aggressive during this exercise

**Station #8****REACTION TO UNKNOWN CAT &/OR DOG** (unknown to testing animal)

The owner leads the animal by an unknown dog and cat

The tested animal should behave politely and show no more than casual interest

Positive Reactions	Negative Reactions	
Easily takes food	Aggressiveness	Howling
Gentle nature	Barking	Loss of control
Outgoing	Biting	Snapping
Owner in total control	Clawing	Whining
Pleasant	Eliminating	
Smiling face	Excessive nervousness or fear	
Wagging tail	Growling	

**Station #9****CHECK-OUT**

Testers will meet to discuss each animal. It is reasonable to expect constructive criticism and feedback. Pass/Fail is announced before you leave the testing site. Don't be anxious because most all animals pass and will be tested again during another scheduled test.

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the test. Dogs will be tested in all areas.

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when owner returns

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pass. Should your animal fail, you may try