



Ethology of the individual

Owner _____Michelle Glen-CARAT Exam_____

Dog Name _____Papi_____

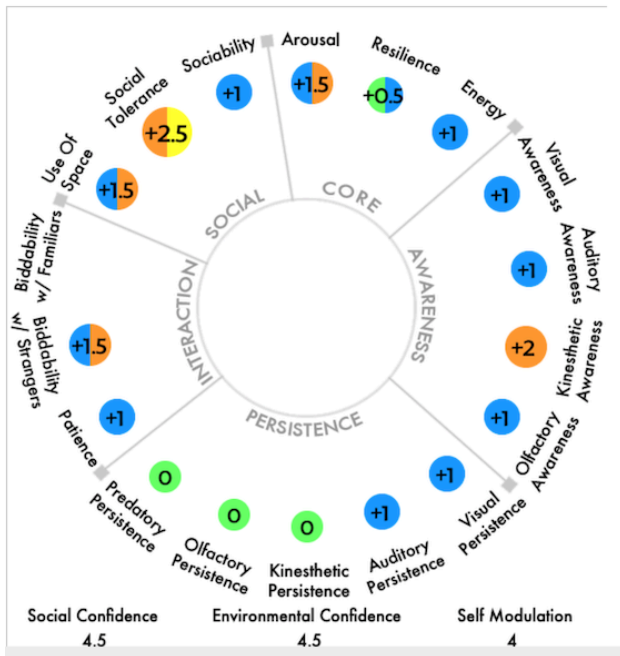
Breed _____Australian Shepherd_____ Sex M F n/s

Age 2 _____

Assessor _____Judy Moore_____

Location _____

Purpose of eval? K9 / DETECTION / SERVICE / PTSD / VET / SAR / AGILITY / OBEDIENCE/ HUNT-FIELD / SHELTER /



YOUR DOG'S CARAT PROFILE

This CARAT profile is based on observed behaviors that have been scored after assessment and subsequent video review.

This interpretation of this CARAT profile is meant to help you understand your dog's behavior, sensitivities, preferences and possible challenges, in his interactions with people. While CARAT profiles reflect the behaviors your dog demonstrated in this specific evaluation, please understand that your dog may behave differently under other conditions, including with other dogs and other animals.

OVERALL SNAPSHOT *Based on this evaluation:*

Papi is easily excitable and will likely rush up to and jump on visitors. If they reach out to touch him he may move out of reach, snap at them or even bite, as he prefers petting from family and trusted friends only. Papi will be fun to train in most settings providing you reward him with food.

AROUSAL & RESILIENCE This is about your dog's reactions & recovery

If your dog becomes excited or upset, you may see:

When Papi becomes excited you will likely see him run in circles with a wide open mouth. If people are present he will likely jump upward and possibly slam into them. If they attempt to pet or grab him when he is excited, he may move away or snap at them.

If Papi becomes worrisome about something unusual you may see him hesitate or hide behind you to avoid going near it.

In exciting or upsetting situations, your dog needs you to:

When Papi becomes excited, noted by his running around and jumping up on people, he will need you to put him on a leash and reward him with food for staying close to you. If the environment includes people moving about quickly you may need to remove him completely so he can calm down.

If you see Papi hesitate or hide behind you to avoid something unusual, Papi needs you to go with him and encouragement him to investigate the object. Papi will likely gain confidence in all settings if you feed him treats near what he is worried about.

SENSORY SENSITIVITY & PERSISTENCE *Based on this evaluation:*

Strengths:

Papi will notice things that move in his environment but he will likely respond to you quickly if you reward him with yummy food.

If Papi hears sounds nearby he will not likely be worried or need support from you. This means Papi will be able to train in many noisy settings.

Because Papi uses his eyes to explore his environment he will be a fun dog to train using hand signals.

Since food is so important to Papi teaching him to “come” when called may be successful in many settings.

Challenges:

Papi will likely become overly excited and jump up on people when he sees them. He will need to be monitored and possibly removed from social gatherings.

Papi does not enjoy petting from strangers so you will need to be aware of people approaching who may reach out to him in order to prevent a potential bite.

Because Papi is sensitive to touch from unfamiliar people veterinary and grooming visits may be uncomfortable for him.

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS *When interacting with people, your dog may:*

When Papi sees people he will likely become very excited and rush at them. In his excitement he will likely jump up on them. If the people are strangers and reach out to pet him he may move out of reach, snap at them or even bite, as he prefers strangers do not touch him. If greeting family and friends, Papi will still rush up with full body wiggles but he will likely remain close for petting. If people are running about excitedly Papi may become excited and begin to chase them.

Your dog needs you to:

Papi needs you to keep him on a leash and reward him for staying close to you during most greetings. You can ask people to ignore Papi and continue to reward him for staying close to you. Papi also needs you to remind people that he does not enjoy petting from strangers.

If Papi is unable to clam down seen by his pacing and lunging at people he needs you to remove him to a safe place.

TRAINING/BEHAVIOR/PERFORMANCE CHALLENGES

Because Papi becomes overly excited and jumps up on people he will need to be kept on a leash in certain settings.

Papi would not enjoy any kind of therapy training as he prefers unfamiliar people do not pet him.

Papi will likely be more successful training in open spaces rather than in populated areas.

Papi will be more successful if you use food to reward him.

CAUTIONS & CONCERNS *Please carefully consider these areas of your dog's behavior:*

WORST CASE Scenarios....

Papi will need to be on a leash when greeting people so he does not knock a person over and hurt them.

You will need to be aware of your environment to prevent a person from approaching and reaching out to touch Papi in order to avoid a potential bite.

Veterinary and grooming visits may be stressful for Papi.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Because Papi becomes overly excited in some situations he would benefit from learning how to relax. (see attachment by Suzanne Clothier).
- Reward Papi often for lying on his mat when in your home. Gradually ask him to lie on his mat in calm public places. Reward generously on his mat if he remains lying down when a person passes by.
- Because Papi likes to jump up when excited I suggest you reward him often for sitting next to you when he begins to get excited. Train short sessions and if he cannot hold a sit move farther away from the exciting setting.
- Teaching Papi to fetch toys would be a great way for you to interact with him while giving him exercise.
- Train Papi to “come” when called using high value treats!
- Teaching Papi to target your hand with his nose may change his association when a hand comes at him. Only familiar people should play this game and reward him each time he touches his nose to your hand when you offer it.
- Papi would likely enjoy attending classes such as Rally Obedience, Agility, and Tricks classes as he enjoys training if rewarded with food.
- I recommend you avoid training classes where the instructor needs to reach out and touch Papi such as Canine Good Citizen or any type of Therapy Work.
- I suggest you visit your veterinarian and groomer for happy visits to build a trusting relationship with him. Be sure to take high value chicken or cheese!

Greeting visitors in your home:

- When guests arrive ask them to stay by their car while you take Papi outside on a leash. Ask your guest to toss Papi a few yummy treats. Then walk him away so he can calm down somewhat. Repeat this process until Papi can stand or sit calmly next to you calmly. Reward Papi for sitting close to you.
- I suggest you buy Papi a collar that says “Do Not Pet”.
- Consider setting up a gate in your home so that Papi cannot get to your guests when they enter. This is necessary as Papi becomes overly excited when greeting unfamiliar people as seen by his moving into their space and jumping or pushing on them. You can then put Papi on a leash and reward him for going to his mat or lying down at your feet. If he is unable to calm down removing him from their sight for a few minutes may help him.

When walking on a leash in public:

- I suggest you walk Papi at least 10 feet away from people to prevent Papi from jumping up on them. Use food to reward Papi for walking next to you when a person walks past.
- Be sure Papi is wearing his “Do Not Pet” collar so people do not reach out to him.

- Be aware of your environment and if people are approaching ask Papi to “hustle” away.

Notes for Suzanne:

I was informed at the beginning of this test that Papi had no bite history but was showing signs of territorial behavior.

I first noted his confidence at 1:48 when he froze and looked directly at me. As his arousal escalated and he looked for mom it became clear that he preferred familiar people.

I knew better than to reach for his collar but I did want to pressure him on body handling somewhat as I felt this was an important piece of information with this dog even though he was very clear. At 8:49 you will note he lunges up in my face with an audible air snap as I push to touch him a second time.

Things I would do differently:

- I would have removed mom from his vision.
- I would call to him less and walk back to bring him with me when I started our Prompted interaction.
- I should have allowed him more space when we were investigating the food bowl on the noise test. I pressured him into the barrier somewhat.
- I may have taken too long working on the broken umbrella.

CARAT Assessor Signature

CARAT Assessor Name (print)

Date