

ALAPAHA BULLDOG REGISTRY'S PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

THE ALAPAHA BLUE BLOOD BULLDOG PUPPY MUST BE YOUNGER THAN 6 MONTHS OLD 5 OF THE 7 TESTS MUST BE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED FOR P.A.T. CERTIFICATION ALL TESTS ARE PERFORMED IN A 15ft x 15ft QUARANTINED AREA

1. Handler Following – 2 Cones are placed 10ft apart. The handler starts at the first cone and slowly walks away encouraging the puppy to follow towards the 2nd cone. Handler cannot use a leash. Handler must make sure the puppy sees them walk away and get the puppy to focus on them by lightly clapping their hands and using verbal encouragement to get the puppy to follow them.
FAILED TEST is when the puppy runs away from handler or doesn't want to follow.
 2. Restraint - the tester crouches down and gently rolls the puppy on its back and holds it on its back for 30 seconds. Hint: Hold the puppy down without applying too much pressure. The object is not to keep it on its back but to test its response to being placed in that position. Puppy should show some signs of struggle..
FAILED TEST would be when there is absolutely no struggle at all by the puppy.
 3. Retrieving - the tester crouches beside the puppy and attracts its attention with a crumpled up piece of paper. When the puppy shows some interest, the tester throws the paper no more than four feet in front of the puppy encouraging it to retrieve the paper. Puppy must go after and play with the crumpled up paper. Different piece of paper will be used with each puppy.
FAILED TEST would be when a puppy refuses to show interest in the ball of paper when tossed.
 4. Prey Drive – the tester uses a laser pointer to grab the attention of the puppy. The puppy should want to chase/follow or attack the red dot. The tester will proceed to move the laser pointer back and forth for a minimum of 30 secs. * FLIRT POLE CAN BE USED AS AN ALTERNATIVE*
FAILED TEST would be when the puppy doesn't want to chase/follow the red dot.
 5. Courage – the tester will then engage the puppy in a game of tug of war using a rope, puppy bite sleeve, or rag. The tester will also have a 20 oz bottle that'll be half way filled with either rocks or marbles. The tester will slightly shake the bottle by the puppy while engaging tug of war.
BAMBOO CLATTER STICK CAN BE USED AS AN ALTERNATIVE
FAILED TEST is when the puppy stops engaging with tug of war and runs away or seems frightened.
 6. Stability - the tester will open an umbrella about five feet from the puppy and gently place on the ground. The puppy must investigate the umbrella in some way whether it's smelling, biting, or curiously investigating.
FAILED TEST is when the puppy refuses to investigate or runs away.
 7. Nerves – the tester will simulate working on a project by banging a hammer (or mallet) on a piece of wooden stud with slight power. The handler will start at a cone that's 10ft away from the tester and must walk to the other cone stationed 15 ft away. The tester will be stationed 10 ft away from the middle of the 2 cones. The goal is to walk the puppy from one cone to the other. The handler can not drag the puppy but the handler can reassure the puppy. The Handler is allowed to use bait for this test to lure the puppy.
FAILED TEST is when the puppy is too scared to be walked or lured past the tester.
- *Owner will receive an ABR Puppy Aptitude Test (PAT) working title for successfully 5 of the 7 tests.
*25 championship points will be earned for the working title that does carry over as an adult.