



From the Official Standard for the Doberman Pinscher
**"ELEGANT IN APPEARANCE, OF PROUD CARRIAGE, REFLECTING GREAT NOBILITY AND TEMPERAMENT,
 ENERGETIC, WATCHFUL, DETERMINED, ALERT, FEARLESS, LOYAL AND OBEDIENT."**

Date of Test: ___/___/___ Assigned Test # _____ AKC Registration # _____

WORKING APTITUDE EVALUATION SHEET / DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA

- The WORKING APTITUDE EVALUATION has been designed as a tool to assist breeders and prospective owners in producing and obtaining Doberman Pinschers having temperament as defined by the Standard. The Evaluation has five categories in which the dog's responses to the stimuli are assessed according to the degree of approach behavior (investigative; protective) or avoidance behavior (attempt to avoid confrontation).
- The Doberman must exhibit approach behavior or appropriate behavior for the breed on all exercises in order to receive the working aptitude certification.
- If a Doberman exhibits an inappropriate response on any exercise, it is recommended that the dog not be bred to another dog with an inappropriate response in the same area (one sound-sensitive Doberman would not be bred to another sound-sensitive Doberman).
- It is not necessarily desirable to receive +3's. Not every Doberman needs to have the strong drives, ego and energy that is characteristic of a dog who has a predominant +3 evaluation.
- This evaluation represents what this Doberman did on this day. A dog that does not receive a Working Aptitude Certificate may be re-evaluated at a later date.

Handler error	Panic behavior Strong escape reaction	Strong avoidance behavior Or, strong inappropriate behavior	Insufficient approach or mild avoidance. Does not recover within time frame Or mild inappropriate behavior	No measurable response to stimulus Or disinterest	Sufficient (mild) approach behavior Needs encouragement Or appropriate desired behavior	Strong approach behavior Needs little encouragement	Very strong approach behavior Needs no encouragement Is bold, confident, egotistical
-√	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

EXERCISE 1- EVALUATION OF SOCIAL ATTRACTION • reaction to non-threatening strangers (fearfulness and defensiveness are not acceptable)	1A-Neutral Stranger					∴			
	1B-Friendly Stranger					∴			
EXERCISE 2- EVALUATION OF SOUND SENSITIVITY • alerts and discovers sound stimulus • investigatory behavior • responds to handler request • recovers from auditory shock and functions appropriately (soundness of nerves)	2A-Hidden clattering (alert & discovery)					∴			
	2B-Hidden Clattering (investigation)					∴			
	2C-Gunshot					∴			
EXERCISE 3- EVALUATION OF SIGHT SENSITIVITY • recovers from sudden sight stimulus (stability) • investigatory behavior (curiosity, courage) • responds to handler request	3-Umbrella					∴			
EXERCISE 4- EVALUATION OF TOUCH SENSITIVITY • willingness to walk on unusual footing • responds to handler request	4A-Polyethylene Strip								
	4B-Exercise Pen								
EXERCISE 5- EVALUATION OF PROTECTIVE RESPONSE • alerts to unusual appearance • watchful in potentially threatening situation • protective when threatened • returns to normal when threat retreats	5A-Decoy Appearance					∴			
	5B-Decoy Approach					∴			
	5C-Decoy Threat					∴			
	5D-Decoy Retreat								

COMMENTS:

Does not receive a
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Signature of Evaluator _____