

# Aptitude Test

Handler \_\_\_\_\_ Animal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Not Ready \_\_\_\_\_ Not Suitable \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Circle)

- 1) Overall Exam: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
The animal will be handled and manipulated by a stranger. Look into ears; hold tail, mouth, and feet.
- 2) Clumsy Petting: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
Rough petting, rubbing all over, squealing and jiggling the animal.  
Restraining Hug: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
A Person will unexpectedly give a restraining hug. (Remember to keep face away from dog's face)
- 3) Distractions: Have the dog walk around with handler and meet up with:  
a) Staggering/ Gesturing Individual: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
This test demonstrates the dog's confidence when exposed to people walking with an uneven gait, shuffling, breathing heavily, coughing, wheezing or other distractions, which may be encountered in a facility. A person wearing a shawl with a wheelchair or cane will approach the dog.  
b) Someone running by calling "excuse me, excuse me" waving hands (this person is running up from behind the dog)  
c) A person will become very exuberant, speaking in a high-pitched voice, wave or shake a toy.
- 4) Angry Yelling: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
Two people will shout and get angry at each other.
- 5) Crowded Petting: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
At least three people will gather to pet the animal and try to gain the animal's attention.
- 6) Leave-It: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
a) The handler with the dog on a loose leash walks past food on the ground (placed within a distance of three feet) and, upon command, the dog should ignore the food.  
b) The dog handler/team meets a person using a walker; the dog should approach the person and visit. The person with the walker will offer the dog a treat. The handler must instruct the dog to leave it. The dog must ignore the food.

**A dog who is food oriented will pick up food from the floor, the food might be potentially harmful to the dog (pills etc.) Having a patient feed a dog can also cause a potential problem. Some dogs are very grabby and might injure the patient.**

- 7) Taking a treat. **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
Ask the owner first, and then offer a treat. Does the dog take it in a gentle manner?
- 8) Resource Guarding: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
Give the dog a bone and then have the owner take it away...watch dogs body language.

9) Visiting: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
How do they work as a team? Is the dog person oriented? Willingness to visit a person and that the dog can be made readily accessible for petting (i.e., small dogs can be placed on a person's lap or can be held, medium and larger dogs can sit on a chair or stand close to the patient to be easily reached.)

10) Walking through Doorway: **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**  
The dog handler team is ready to enter a door to the facility. The handler first has to put the dog in a sit, stand or down stay, whichever is appropriate for the dog. If there is no door available, an area simulating an entrance should be marked. A person should be able to go through the entrance before the dog/handler team.  
This test will show us that the handler has control over the dog reinforcing that a responsible handler will yield to others.

11) Reaction to elevator, Hallway, Slippery Floors, Stairway **Not Suitable Not Ready Pass**

**Handling Test Section:**

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| 1. Did the handler bring an approved collar for the dog?                        | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 2. Did the handler bring an appropriate leash for the dog?                      | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 3. Was the handler clean and dressed appropriately, including correct footwear? | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 4. Was the handler in control?                                                  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 5. Were the handler and dog polite?                                             | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 6. Do the handler and dog work together as a team?                              | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 7. Was the dog corrected/redirected for inappropriate behavior?                 | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 8. Was the dog praised for good behavior?                                       | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 9. Was the dog clean and well groomed?                                          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |