

The Crate Escape Dog Adventures

Temperament Assessment Chart

<p>1</p> <p>SOFT & EASY</p>	<p>Common traits: Relaxed, easy-going, lazy, quiet, calm, gentle</p> <p>Interactions with others: Gets along well with others, avoids conflict.</p> <p>Resource guarding/aggression: None</p> <p>Energy level: Usually low to moderate.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>MODERATE & ADAPTABLE</p>	<p>Common traits: Gentle & sweet but hyper, enthusiastic, excitable</p> <p>Interactions with others: Generally easy-going dog, gets along with others. Might not enjoy the company of other excitable dogs, especially if it creates competition for attention. Usually avoids conflict but will engage if he feels he has no way out.</p> <p>Resource guarding/aggression: None or low-level. Might growl over objects of value but has not taken it any further.</p> <p>Energy level: Moderate energy levels, can go from low to high but maintains control of oneself.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>CHALLENGING</p>	<p>Common traits: Unsure of new social situations. Will hide from or bark excessively at new visitors. Enjoy high energy activities like fetch, dog sports. Often leash-reactive. Independent problem-solvers who will try to out-think their humans. Will test boundaries given the opportunity.</p> <p>Interactions with others: They are assertive and pushy during introductions but can often settle in and make friends with dogs and people.</p> <p>Resource guarding/aggression: Moderate level resource guarding. Will growl, nip or snap to protect objects of value.</p> <p>Energy level: Moderate to high energy, often struggle to control their energy levels, easy overwhelmed and over stimulated.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>COMPETITIVE & INTENSE</p>	<p>Common traits: Extremely intelligent, very confident, very pushy, extremely competitive, enjoys and/or seeks out conflict. Has high drive, often ball or toy obsessed. When they want something, they want it NOW! Excels at dog sports.</p> <p>Interactions with others: Can make limited friends given the right situations.</p> <p>Resource guarding/aggression: High level resource guarding. Will usually skip growling and go straight to biting or attacking to guard objects, people and space. Intent to do harm.</p> <p>Energy level: High energy, always in high gear</p>
<p>5</p> <p>TOUGH & SERIOUS</p>	<p>Level 4 +</p> <p>Interactions with others: May only have 1 or 2 friends in their lifetime.</p> <p>Resource guarding/aggression: Will go out of their way to attack and intends to do serious harm.</p>

Puppies >6 months are automatically a Level 1 or 2 unless they are exhibiting resource guarding and/or aggression towards others. Please talk to us right away if your puppy is developing those behaviors as they are much easier to change now than after years of practice.

