**TWO DOG FARMS, INC. SHELTER EVALUATIONS**

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**Date**:

**Dog’s name and/or ID number:**

**Volunteer evaluator’s name:**

**Shelter/Location:**

A wide variety of testing exercises are conducted in shelters. Exercises can include:

• How long it takes for the dog to pay attention to the evaluator (one test of sociability)

• reaction to being called by the evaluator

• reaction to being approached by the evaluator (friendly? tentative? fearful? neutral?)

• reaction to eye contact, and then being stared at by the evaluator

• responses to being petted in various places of the body (does the dog move closer, pull away, stand still, wag, relax, stiffen)

• reaction to sudden movements (curious? submissive? defensive? aggressive?)

• reaction to certain objects (such as an umbrella or cane ... does the dog panic, does he eventually recover, does he tentatively investigate)

• reaction to a sudden noise

• reaction to unusual tactile stimulation (such as walking on wire/slippery surfaces)

• reaction to having mouth touched and eventually examined

• reaction to an attempted hug

• reaction to having paws touched (per previous cautions, remember that a shelter dog might have endured injury, and a dog in pain may react defensively -- this is natural and needs to be taken into account)

• reaction to being led on leash

• reaction to being presented a toy and the degree to which the dog attempts to guard the toy

• response to food and any signs of food-guarding

• reaction to being coaxed into a lying-down position (accepting? willing? fearful? struggling?)

• reaction to the evaluator turning away and/or leaving.

**Personality traits are also observed and recorded, such as whether the dog is:**

• confident or shy

• active, hyperactive or calm

• dependent or independent

• interested in people, things or the environment (some dogs are more interested in things than in people, which is a trait to note)

• tolerant or reactive

• accepting of physical restraint

• interested in playing (and what kinds of playing; does the dog try to catch, pounce, grab ... his willingness to release objects and interact with the person playing with him) ... given to chase moving targets (object, jogging person ... to gauge prey instinct).

**Overall impression:**