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PARKVILLE LIVING CENTER PET POWER TEMPERAMENT TEST

Pet Name _____ Volunteer Name _____

Our goal is to focus on the safety and dependability of animal partner teams. This evaluation aims to help determine that the handler has control of the animal and the team is prepared for situations they may encounter during facility therapy visits.

Testing:

1. Animal responsiveness to handler
___ Pass with honors: pays attention to owner, responds appropriately to commands, remains with handler
___ Pass: animal may be temporarily distracted, but owner is able to focus animal's attention and maintain control
___ Needs work: animal does not respond to owner commands consistently, is easily distracted by other animals or situations
2. Walking on Leash
___ Pass with honors: walks politely, no pulling or jumping
___ Pass: some pulling but handler has control of the animal
___ Needs work: excessive pulling or jumping; handler not in control
3. Handling of animal when greeting new people
___ Pass with honors: sits or stands quietly for new person, maintains position for petting
___ Pass: needs to be cued for sitting or standing still, does not maintain position but handler has control of the animal
___ Needs work: jumps or interacts roughly (paws, mouths, etc.) with new person
4. Reaction to person with inconsistent behavior or verbalizations due to cognitive impairment or physical disability
___ Pass with honors: minimal reaction, still interested in interacting with stranger
___ Pass: reacts with some caution but recovers quickly with handler encouragement; handler is able to manage situation to keep dog reassured and maintain control
___ Needs work: reacts with great caution, slow to recover; handler not able to manage situation

5. Reaction to wheelchair/walker approach
 - ☐ Pass with honors: minimal reaction to wheelchair/walker, still interested in interacting with new person
 - ☐ Pass: reacts with some caution but recovers quickly with encouragement; handler able to read animal's behavior and manage situation to keep animal reassured
 - ☐ Needs work: reacts with great caution, slow to recover or unable to recover, handler not able to manage situation or requires removal of animal
6. Reaction to startle sound (human vocalization or siren)
 - ☐ Pass with honors: minimal reaction to loud noise
 - ☐ Pass: startle response but recovers quickly with encouragement
 - ☐ Needs work: strong startle response, slow to recover
7. Reaction to several people petting at once, crowding
 - ☐ Pass with honors: minimal reaction to crowd, still interested in interacting with people
 - ☐ Pass: reacts with some hesitation but recovers quickly with encouragement, handler is able to read animal's behavior and manage situation to reassure animal
 - ☐ Needs work: reacts with great caution, slow to recover or unable to recover, handler not able to manage situation or requires removal of animal
8. Reaction to clumsy touching, rough petting or reaching over the animal's head
 - ☐ Pass with honors: minimal reaction, still interested in interacting with person
 - ☐ Pass: reacts with some caution but recovers quickly with encouragement; handler is able to manage situation to keep animal reassured
 - ☐ Needs work: reacts with fear or defensive behavior, slow to recover, handler not able to manage situation
9. Reaction to unusual handling (collar grab, foot touch, tail pull, restraint hug)
 - ☐ Pass with honors: minimal reaction, still interested in interacting with person
 - ☐ Pass: mild response but recovers quickly and interacts with person
 - ☐ Needs work: strong response, unable to tolerate unusual handling
10. Reaction to other dogs
 - ☐ Pass with honors: mild interest in other dogs, maintains proximity and attention to handler
 - ☐ Pass: mild response to other dogs, recovers quickly and handler able to refocus animal on response to commands and interacting with people
 - ☐ Needs work: very distracted by other dogs, not able to give attention to handler; handler has poor control of animal
11. Handler leaves animal with evaluator, walks away, owner calls animal to them
 - ☐ Pass with honors: animal returns to owner without hesitation or detours
 - ☐ Pass: animal returns to owner with minimal distraction
 - ☐ Needs work: animal does not return directly to handler, but responds to distractions

Recommendation for participation in PLC Pet Power

Passed with honors: _____ Passed: _____ Needs work, retest in future: _____

Signature of testing veterinarian or trainer:

Address: _____

Date: _____