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## Tamaskan Dog Register, Inc. Temperament Evaluation Criteria and Guidelines

The Tamaskan Dog Register, Inc. (TDR) requires temperament evaluations for dogs applying to be a part of the TDR breeding program if:

- The dog is not a Tamaskan Dog (i.e., the breeding candidate is an outcross);
- The dog is G1 Tamaskan Dog who is the product of a TDR-registered outcross litter; or
- If a concern has been expressed regarding the dog or its ancestry in terms of behavior or demeanor.

While the TDR prefers the use of certified temperament evaluators, it is understood that not all breeders or prospective breeders have easy access to these resources. As such, these guidelines are intended to be used by both professional and at-home evaluators. These criteria are formatted such that a professional evaluator will understand the item being tested, and the temperament aspects sought in the breed. Concurrently, an at-home evaluator will be able to utilize these guidelines as steps to execute an evaluation.

### Instructions

For at-home evaluations, **video submission of the dog's test is required**. Videos must be close and clear enough to clearly observe the dog's reactions. The evaluation may be recorded as a single (continuous) video, or comprise multiple videos, as long as all items within this test are recorded. For professionals utilizing this guide, video is encouraged.

In all cases, please complete each item with as much detail as possible. Submissions lacking detail will be rejected. Please return completed evaluations to the Committee of Breeders at [cob@tamaskandogregister.com](mailto:cob@tamaskandogregister.com).

### Point System

Each test item is scored on a range of one to four points, as described below:

1 No Reaction	2 Minimal Reaction	3 Moderate Reaction	4 Extreme Reaction
Dog ignores stimulus, or pays no attention after an initial glance/listen.  Dog self-disengages without cues from the handler.	Dog acknowledges the presence or occurrence of stimulus by watching or listening for a short time, but offers no other signs of interest.  Dog self-disengages, or disengages with little to no cues from the handler.	Dog is on mild alert, and possibly exhibiting some tension. It will be continuously watching or seeking the stimulus.  Dog disengages with some effort by the handler.	Dog is on full alert and reacting to the stimulus in force, e.g., lunging, growling, barking.  Dog will not disengage without great effort from the handler, or cannot disengage regardless of handler intervention.



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## Tamaskan Dog Register Temperament Evaluation Form

Date:

### OWNER INFORMATION

Full Name:

Email:

### DOG INFORMATION

Call Name:

Registered Name:

Registration:

Gender:

Breed:

Date of Birth:

### EVALUATOR INFORMATION

Full Name:

Facility Name:

Facility Address:

Email:



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## Novel Environments and Objects

1. Walk the dog through an unfamiliar area or environment. This can be a shop or other public space that the dog does not regularly encounter. It can be either indoors or outdoors. It does not have to be busy or crowded.

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2. Lay down various items (e.g., filled bins, statuettes, rocking horse, etc.) that are unfamiliar to the dog. Walk the dog past and over these objects, as applicable. At least one of these things should be something that the dog has never walked around/over before.

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## Reaction to an Unfamiliar Dog

3. Pass by an unfamiliar dog, or have an unfamiliar dog walk by, within six (6) to ten (10) feet. The “helper” dog should have a calm and stable personality around unfamiliar dogs. Both dogs should be on a leash.

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## Startle Responses

4. Make an unusual noise out of view of the dog (e.g., shake a jar of coins).

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5. Make an unusual noise within view of the dog (e.g., drop a large book).

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6. Open an umbrella within six (6) feet of the dog.

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## Reaction to a Human Stranger

7. Walk by a stranger at a six (6) to ten (10) foot distance. Do not engage the stranger.

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8. Have a stranger approach and talk to the owner at approximately six (6) feet away.

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9. Have a stranger approach and talk to the owner at approximately six (6) feet away.

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10. If possible, have a dog-savvy child that the dog does not know play nearby (e.g., ten (10) to 15 (fifteen) feet away). Alternatively, have a stranger run up to the handler and dog, acting exuberantly, mimicking the behavior of an excited child.

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11. If possible, leave the dog with a stranger for three (3) minutes. Alternatively, if a stranger is not available, leave the dog alone in a room or another safe area. Do not issue a “stay” command.

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Details:

Please provide any other comments or observations:

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