



American CAL & TAN Organization

Test of Natural Aptitude (TAN)

The minimum age required in order to take and pass the Test of Natural Aptitude is 9 months.

1 Movement Test

This section is a group of physical tests which mainly judge:

1. The movement during walking, trotting and galloping.
2. The physical condition of the dog after the test.

This test will be performed with 2 (two) Judges that have demonstrated knowledge of the breed.

This test is performed in a triangle of approximately 50 meters. A judge will be placed at each vertex. Upon order to begin, the owner will proceed to walk his dog towards the first judge. Without stopping, will proceed toward the second judge in the trot, at which point he will then gallop his dog back to the starting point at the third judge. The judges will score the dog, taking into account correct movement as established by the breed standard. This test will allow the judges to observe defects of construction as well as the physical condition of the animal.

The Judges will award their scores according to the following scale:

- 5 (five) points: Movement is excellent. Perfect physical condition overall.
- 4 (four) points: Very good movement, although improvable.
- 3 (three) points: Good movement.
- 2 (two) points: Faulty movement. Panting dog.
- 1(one) point: Dog unable to run. Lightly limping. Blue tongue. Dog excessively exhausted.

The scores awarded by each judge will be added and an average of the score will be the final score. It is necessary that the dog obtains a minimum of the median score of 3 to be considered passing.

2 Sociability Test

This section is a group of tests that are performed to observe:

1. The stability of character, emotional response and sociability of the dog.
2. The manageability of the dog by his owner and the dog's devotion to the owner.

The test ends with the knowledge of the stability of character of the dogs, their sociability, their reactions and their capacity for coexistence. Those that cannot pass should not be considered capable of living safely in society and should not be used for breeding.

These tests will be scored by a trainer nominated by the Club with an accredited knowledge of the character of this breed.

Comprised in this section are:

1) Hierarchy:

With the dog sitting down or standing, he will submit to a complete and extended examination of his mouth, teeth and lips. The dog will then be put in the down position while the owner examines his ears and his inner thigh, as if checking for a tattoo. The dog will at all times demonstrate submission to his owner. He will not offer any resistance or attempt to leave. A command by the owner to gain control will be acceptable.



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The scoring of this section will be made according to the following scale:

5 (five) points: The dog allows the examination with obedience and submission to his owner.

4 (four) points: The dog allows the examination, although he offers a slight resistance.

3 (three) points: The dog openly refuses the examination, although he responds positively to a command by the owner.

2 (two) points: The dog openly refuses the examination, not responding to a command from the owner.

1 (one) point: The dog does not allow the examination at all and doesn't respond to any commands by his owner.

3 Reaction to a Surprise

The dog will be walked on leash, passing by the evaluator who will try to surprise it by means of any household object (i.e.; open umbrella) and make noise with an object. The idea is not to scare the animal, but rather to evaluate their reaction when presented with a normal daily activity he might experience. The dog may show surprise, curiosity or indifference, but never aggression. A command by the owner to regain control will be acceptable.

The scoring of this section will be made according to the following scale:

5 (five) points: The dog reacts with curiosity or indifference.

4 (four) points: The dog reacts with excessive surprise, but without aggressiveness.

3 (three) points: The dog reacts with excessive surprise, with slight aggressiveness, although does respond positively to a command from the owner.

2 (two) points: The dog reacts with excessive fear, trying to flee, although it is easily calmed by the owner.

1 (one) point: The dog shows fear, clearly reacting with excessive aggressiveness, and does not respond to a command by his owner.

3) Relationship with other dogs: The dog will be walked on leash past other dogs participating in the test. The group should consist of at least 3 dogs at one time. The dog shall not demonstrate great aggression at any time. A command by the owner to gain control will be acceptable.

4 Dogs sociability with other dogs

The scoring of this section will be made according to the following scale:

5 (five) points: The dog goes for a walk, trying to approach to the other dogs in a social manner.

4 (four) points: The dog goes for a walk with indifference.

3 (three) points: The dog goes for a walk with distrust, although does respond positively to a command from the owner.

2 (two) points: The dog refuses to go for a walk, demonstrating fear, or trying to flee, not responding to a command by his owner.

1 (one) point: The dog shows excessive aggression toward the other dogs, not ceasing with commands from his owner.

5 Relationship with a Group

The dog will be walked on leash between a group of people who will be speaking amongst themselves. The group should consist of 4 people. They will one at a time approach the owner and the dog to greet them, to ask the time, etc.. or any other behavior that could take place in a normal day. The dog will not demonstrate fear or act aggressively. A command by the owner to regain control will be acceptable.

The scoring of this section will be made according to the following scale:

5 (five) points: The dog goes for a walk without losing control, or goes to greet members of the group.

4 (four) points: The dog goes for a walk without losing control, although he offers a slight resistance.

3 (three) points: The dog goes for a walk with mistrust, or shows elusive behavior, although does respond positively to a command from the owner.