

Paws for Thought

Be careful...Looks can be deceiving.

"Look at that cute little face"...
"aawwww"... "How cute are those
little eyes?!" ... "Look at his little nose!"
DO NOT BE FOOLED... keep your guard up
until you have taken time to properly assess
your (potential) dog's behavior!!! If you let
your eyes do the 'picking'... or you leave it
in somebody else's hands to choose your
puppy/dog for you (ie: available puppies/
dogs in a pet shop, your partner, etc)... you
will likely be a 'miss-matched' pair! It is the
difference of temperaments which will result
in frustration. A dog cannot change the
characteristic of its breed... we can only (in
time) modify their reaction and behavior! Even
when you know the 'breed type'... every
puppy will have a different personality. It is
essential that you take the time with every
puppy to find the right 'match'.

Quality dog trainers and behaviorists,
breeders and shelters use 'Temperament
Testing' in order to better understand the
dog's state of being, to encourage the
appropriate training program and in some
cases find the proper types of owners and/
or homes for dogs which are up for adoption.
In many cases, it is strongly encouraged to
find a top dog behaviorist to help you better
assess your potential new puppy's and/or
dog's mental and emotional state, their ability
to successfully interact and be part of your
family dynamic and also to inform you of what
kind of training will be required for the breed/

type of dog.

Temperament is the general attitude a dog
displays. How much (or little) interaction is
involved when introduced to other people
and other animals - it is the combination of
physical and mental traits which truly influence
a dog's behavior! Is it predictable, confident,
friendly and playful? Or... is it shy, protective,
aggressive, territorial and defensive?

When you take the time to truly assess the
dog (temperament, breed, environment it
has been (or is currently being) raised in) and
understand everything that will be involved
in raising it... you will then have achieved
50% success! The beginning of achieving
the other 50% is the beginning of a journey
which will include finding the right type of
trainer/behaviorist which will give you a clear
understanding as to everything that will be
needed to achieve 100% success so that
you (and your 'pack') can enjoy a healthy and
happy dog!

Please understand that not even the most
highly qualified trainer can change and/
or modify a dog's genetic history or the
characteristics of a breed, however, we can
help form, shape and modify the behavior,
attitude and its general predisposition in its
physical reaction towards others... whether it
be human or K9.

Behaviour Problems



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