

## Pets for Life Volunteer Team Evaluation

Volunteer Name:

Pet Name/Breed/Age:

Date:

Pass	Fail	Description
		<p>1. <b><u>Dog must be able to sit and down on cue</u></b> - Should be able to hold both positions.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <b>Will not pass</b> if dog cannot sit or down.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>2. <b><u>Dog must be able to stay</u></b> - (in sit or down) while their owner backs up to the end of the leash. The leash will stay in the owner's hand. Stay duration is 5-10 seconds.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <b>Will not pass</b> if dog cannot stay.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>3. <b><u>Team must prove loose leash walking skills</u></b> - Team will walk around the testing space. Dog does not have to heel but they must remain on one side of the handler (not crossing over and going around the handler). If dog gets distracted, handler should be able to verbally redirect them. Dog must follow handlers lead.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <b>Will not pass</b> if dog appears out of control, is constantly pulling on the leash or ignores the handler.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>4. <b><u>Leave It</u></b> - Team will walk between distraction items lined up on either side, about 5-10' apart. Items will include toys, water bottles, and potentially food. Team walks straight through the items (sort of like an alley), gets to the end, u turns and walks back through again.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <b>Will not pass</b> if dog disregards verbal redirections and tries to pull/lunge toward Leave-It items.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>5. <b><u>Greeting/Passing another Dog/handler team</u></b> - Teams will approach each other, stop for a quick greeting and then walk past each other.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <b>Will not pass</b> if dog keeps trying to cross over to meet/greet the other team, if they offer any aggressive behaviors or bark in excitement.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>6. <b><u>Reaction to a Crowd</u></b> - Dog/Handler team will navigate through a noisy, crowded area.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <b>Will not pass</b> if the dog starts lunging on the leash to see/visit with the distraction team or evaluators. If the dog panics, shuts down, starts barking, or starts pulling on the leash to exit the situation.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>7. <b><u>Interacting with a visitor</u></b> - Evaluator will approach dog/handler team and ask for permission to greet the dog. Evaluator will initially pet the dog in the common appropriate manner but once they sense that the dog is comfortable with petting, they should try different types of handling such as a kneading or massaging stroke. At some point the evaluator should lean over the dog while petting. Dog should be touched all over – pet the ears, legs, back, chest, stomach.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <b>Will not pass</b> if the dog offers any type of hand shy behavior or if they try to move away from the greeting.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>8. <b><u>Reaction to Direct Eye Contact</u></b> - Once the evaluator is comfortable with the dog, we need to test for direct eye contact. For direct eye contact, the evaluator should place hands on either side of the dog's head and make direct eye contact. Be VERY careful with this one. Putting your face too close to the dog's face could result in injury. If at any point during this evaluation, you think the dog is not comfortable with handling, do NOT attempt the direct eye contact portion.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <b>Will not pass</b> if there is a dramatic reaction or any sort of aggressive reaction to the eye contact. Dramatic reaction includes flailing, struggling for release or defensively jerking their head away.</p>

		Notes:
		<p>9. <b>Reaction to a Restrictive Hug</b> - Toward the end of the greeting evaluation, and once the evaluator is comfortable with the dog, we need to test for reaction to a restrictive hug. While petting the dog, simply lean down toward the dog as you wrap your arms around the dog's neck. You face should be beside the dog and facing the same direction as the dog. If the dog is comfortable with your arms wrapped around his neck, apply slight pressure to test his reaction to restrictive handling. Again, be very careful on this one. If you have sensed any tension during handling, do NOT attempt this. For dogs under 15 lbs you can test the hug while they are sitting on your lap. Simply hug them tight to your body for 5 seconds. For smaller dogs that are over 15 lbs. you might have to get on the floor to test the restrictive hug.</p> <p>a. <b>Will not pass if</b> there is a dramatic reaction or any sort of aggressive reaction to the hug. Dramatic reaction includes flailing, struggling for release or defensively 'popping out' of the hug.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>10. <b>Reaction to a Wheelchair</b> - An evaluator will sit in the wheelchair. Handler will stop about 5' away and ask for permission to greet them. Once they receive approval, they should navigate their dog around the wheelchair and allow the evaluator to interact with their dog.</p> <p>a. <b>Will not pass if</b> dog appears scared of the wheelchair, refuses to get near the wheelchair, or appears hand shy during petting.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>11. <b>Reaction to a Walker</b> - Dog will be at handlers' side while evaluator approaches using the walker. The dog does NOT have to be in a sit position. Dog can be slightly intimidated by the approach but once the evaluator reaches the team, the dog should willingly interact.</p> <p>a. <b>Will not pass if</b> dog panics, barks/growls during approach or refuses to interact with evaluator at completion of approach.</p> <p>Notes:</p>
		<p>12. <b>Reaction to Another Dog</b> - Dog must remain calm around other dogs.</p> <p>a. <b>Will not pass if</b> the dog gets overly excited, barks, lunges, growls or hits the end of the leash toward any of the other dogs in the testing space.</p> <p>Notes:</p>

**Additional requirements/accommodations (if any) - \_\_\_\_\_**

**Next Steps Scheduling.** Once a team successfully completes the Volunteer Team Evaluation, they should email the Pets for Life office for scheduling a shadow visit and first visit.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Ready for the Shadow visit and First visit.** Email [PetsforLife@KCPetsforLife.com](mailto:PetsforLife@KCPetsforLife.com) for scheduling.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Must Repeat the Volunteer Team Evaluation.** Email [PetsforLife@KCPetsforLife.com](mailto:PetsforLife@KCPetsforLife.com) for availability.

Evaluator Name and date: \_\_\_\_\_