

Description of behaviour of the Broholmer Canine Society [Kynologischen Gemeinschaft für Broholmer e.V.]

Alongside the assessment of the exterior, and the inspection of health aspects, the behavioural description forms the third strut of the Broholmer Canine Society [Kynologischen Gemeinschaft für Broholmer e.V.]!

If you want to select a dog for breeding, or acquire the offspring of a dog, alongside health-related factors, it is also important to know the character and nature of the dog, its strengths and weaknesses, and its behaviour in many everyday situations. For this reason, KyB e.V. has developed a Behavioural Description, which should give you some information in this regard.

The goal of a Behavioural Description is not an attempt to separate out inborn and acquired components of behaviour, but to observe behaviours as they are really presented. The framework of a Behavioural Description should be shaped as faithfully to real life as possible.

The Behavioural Description is created in the course of a process in which a dog is confronted with a number of everyday situations so that its behaviour can be observed and documented by the testers.

To give some examples, it covers frustration tolerance, stress management, behaviour towards human and dog willingness to co-operate and much more.

All breeding dogs of the Broholmer Canine Society undergo this description.

The dogs are described by external, recognised and certified specialists in cynology/Description of Behaviour, in Germany.

As only dogs which are mentally strong and true to breed are used for breeding, it is all the more important that these dogs are properly assessed beforehand so that weaknesses can be recognised and adjusted for.

The Behavioural Description of the dogs to be mated are compared between breeders and their qualities must be appropriate to each other and complement each other! Only in this way is it possible to breed mentally-strong, balanced dogs and so to conserve, strengthen and promote the characteristics of the Broholmer breed.

Behavioural Description

Broholmer Canine Society [Kynologischen Gemeinschaft für Broholmer e.V.]

1. Frustration tolerance

Goal:

Sounding out high or low frustration tolerance in a dog

Execution

The handler stays for about 3 minutes with their leashed dog standing on a mark, does not speak to the dog and makes no eye contact. The handler walks with their leashed dog to a bowl with food and stands a few steps back from the bowl (3 minutes). The handler does not speak with the dog and makes no eye contact.

2. Openness, behaviour towards an unknown individual

Goal:

Openness, environmentally- and socially-safe behaviour

Execution:

Precondition: The test person must not be known to the dog.

The handler walks the dog on a loose leash. The tester greets the handler with a handshake. The tester's body language towards the dog is friendly and they do not act towards the dog. Body contact (stroking) after the dog's reaction and after discussion with the handler.

3. Encounter with jogger, cyclist and Nordic walker

Goal:

Environmentally- and socially-safe behaviour.

Execution:

Precondition: The test person must not be known to the dog.

The handler walks with his leashed dog down a path in a field, and on the way they encounter:

- a cyclist (from behind, ringing bell)
- a jogger (from in front)
- a Nordic walker (from in front)

4. Test person walks by in long, dark coat, with walking stick and hat.

Goal:

Environmentally- and socially-safe behaviour, ability to control the dog in cases which may inspire

possible fear-aggressive behaviour or open, active aggressive behaviour. Test person must not be known to the dog.

Execution:

A person puts on a long, dark coat and a hat. The coat should swish slightly as the test person passes the dog. The test person walks with an upright posture and does not look at the dog (does not fix their gaze on it).

5. Contact between test person (in hat) and handler and dog

Goal:

Recognising behaviour towards a friendly person with an unusual appearance where a possible lasting impression has been created by the previous test (see above). Stress management.

Execution:

The test person from test 6 returns and greets the handler and dog again. The test person greets the handler with a handshake. With friendly talk and body language, the test person takes off the coat and hat in the presence of the dog. The dog is given the choice of whether to approach the test person or the removed articles.

6. Street behaviour

Goal:

Openness, environmentally- and socially-safe behaviour

Execution:

The handler walks with their leashed dog down a street with normal traffic. The handler walks the dog on a loose leash, at a safe distance from the road. Cars drive by and one car hoots!

7. Behaviour in a group when individual distance is not respected

Goal:

Environmentally- and socially-safe behaviour.

Execution:

Precondition: the test person must not be known to the dog.

a) A group of at least six test persons and the dog-handler team (dog on a leash) walk alongside each other at a normal pace. The test persons are not closed-in around the dog-handler pair. Where they meet the dog will occasionally brush past an instructed test person's body (everyday city situation) or be gently patted without being paid any further attention.

b) A group stands in conversation near the dog. The dog-person team walks through the group at the tester's instruction.

8. The dogs are described by external, recognised and certified specialists in cynology/Description of Behaviour, in Germany. The group of people moves and there is a surprising stimulus (umbrella)

Goal:

Environmentally- and socially-safe behaviour, ability to control the dog with a surprising stimulus.

Execution:

Precondition: the test person must not be known to the dog. The group of people moves and talks while the dog is led among them. Then the handler walks away from the group with the dog. A person comes along with them or crosses their path. Shortly before the test person draws alongside the dog, they open an umbrella above the dog.

9. Human-dog team meeting (unknown dog of opposite sex)

Goal:

Environmentally- and socially-safe behaviour. Dog-dog encounter

Execution:

Precondition: The test person must not be known to the dog. The handler walks with his leashed dog past an unknown dog-person team. Meeting in a field. Short pause for conversation. Then onwards!

10. Human-dog team meeting (unknown dog of same sex)

Goal:

Environmentally- and socially-safe behaviour. Dog-dog encounter

Execution:

Precondition: The test person must not be known to the dog. The handler walks with his leashed dog past an unknown dog-person team. Meeting in a field. Short pause for conversation. Then onwards!

11. Course

Goal:

Preparedness to cooperate, obedience, connection to handler.

Execution:

The dog is put on a leash. The handler then walks with the leashed dog through the course and tells the dog to investigate the different environmental stimuli.

Stations:

Groundsheet: The handler walks with their dog over a groundsheet

Warning tape gate: the handler guides the dog through a tape gate

Bottle gate: The handler guides the dog through a bottle gate

Balloon: the handler walks past the station with their dog and as they do so a balloon bursts

Metal chain: the handler walks with their dog past the station and as they do so a metal chain is thrown onto a metal sheet.