

MAUDE'S TEMPERAMENT ASSESSMENT
ASSESSOR: KAYLEY PAYLOR – IN STRIDE AZAWAKH & TRAINING

Background:

I have known Maude intermittently since she was a puppy. I have seen her at both conformation events and performance events. This assessment is based on both my impression of her across those events as well as a 24 hour assessment period in which she was in my care.

Initial Impression:

Kim handed me Maude, who greeted me briefly but eagerly. There was someone at the house working on the gutters who also wanted to say hi. She was more reserved in that greeting, but still took the treats readily. Maude went with me with no fuss or anxiety.

Human interaction:

A balanced, true neutral with people is hard to find, but Maude fits this descriptor nicely. She will happily greet people if they wish, and she did remember me when first greeting me. But beyond that initial greeting, she was happy for engagement when offered, but otherwise happy to do her own thing.

Having seen her with her humans in the past, Maude is extremely attached to her humans – at times overly attached. Some of this can be explained because she is a COVID puppy, but she has some anxiety being separated from them in occasional circumstances and in breeding, would be do well to be paired with a dog with a more secure attachment style.

Handling:

Maude was extremely compliant and easy with handling. Even exercises as simple as handing her leash off to a new person, she handled easy and without resentment or hesitation.

Environment:

Maude was perfect and balanced in every new environment I brought her. She ignored multiple reactive dogs, didn't mind the pouring rain (with a jacket). She did not attention seek from any of the people we passed, though engaged politely if someone engaged her. She had no reactions to any noises – traffic, construction, children screaming, etc.

She also had incredibly polite leash manners. She did not engage or check in with me often, typical of sighthounds, but it was also clear she maintained an awareness of where I was at in space.

Overall, she was one of the most balanced, easy dogs I've had the pleasure of walking.

Drive:

Overall in the house, Maude was extremely compliant and learned the routines within the house very easily. She has the beautiful Greyhound off-switch in the house. Seemed to have a moderate, manageable work ethic which would make her suited to whatever she wanted to try.

Having seen her on the field, she is a beautiful runner with good drive. For a Greyhound, she is reasonably body aware, though will push herself at times, which is typical of the breed.

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Dog-Dog Interaction:

With sighthounds, Maude was very polite and reasonable and interested.

When presented with a small dog (7 pounds) she was polite and they largely existed in the space happily together.

When introduced to a friendly medium sized, fluffy dog (Stabyhoun) she was more skeptical, though still extremely polite. She stood and watched and evaluated as the dog play bowed and rolled on the floor to try to solicit play. When the dog gave up they existed politely in the space. By the end of the visit, Maude was considering engaging in play with tail wags. She handled the novel exposure very well.

She did correct one of the older sighthounds for repeatedly poking her to solicit play and the correction was very fair and not at all over the top and she settled immediately afterwards without resentment.

Overall Impression:

Maude is an incredibly balanced dog. I spent much of her visit raving to those present about how lovely her temperament is overall. She is neutral, but gives polite attention when asked. She is happy engaging with her humans but as happy relaxing. With her corrections, she is fair and not over dramatic. I consider her a near ideal Greyhound in temperament, though she is a touch insecure in her attachment to her humans. There is little else to be said beyond there is little to be improved upon in regard to her temperament.