

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

Human interaction:

Adele is neutral to aloof with new humans. Upon formal exam, she could be somewhat avoidant as an adolescent, which is not atypical of many sighthounds. With work and practice she grew out of this habit. In Adele's case, much of the discomfort for formal examination can be directly traced to physical pain from injury. When pain-free she is easy and neutral.

She is deeply bonded to her humans, perhaps overly so. She adores her humans and is impressively loyal, particularly for a sighthound. When she is left in someone else's care she is initially clingy to her humans, but once they leave she settles quickly and is very compliant and reasonably engaging. She is very in tune with those humans she cares about and spends her time care-taking when they aren't feeling well.

Handling:

Overall, Adele has shown some difficulty with restraint. However, as above, this has exclusively been tied to pain at this time. She has a higher degree of vet anxiety than would be preferred, but due to an injury as an adolescence, some of that anxiety is explainable

She is polite and response to leash and spatial pressure. She objects most to spatial pressure from other dogs, but tolerates it.

She allows free stacking, grooming and all handling well.

Environment:

Adele is comfortable in all environments, though she is initially cautious in truly novel environments; she warms up extremely quickly. I have seen her at conformation and performance events both and she is calm and largely focused on her human.

She has good working stamina, though as a young dog when overtired would get grumpy and short. I have not seen any trace of those behaviors for the better part of a year.

Drive:

Adele is somewhat typical of a Greyhound in that she likes her training sessions engaging, diverse, and on the briefer side. However, she learns quickly and is game to try a variety of Activities.

Her prey drive, in a breed noted for prey drive, is heavily present. She is a lovely running dog. She has been run on game and since that time, she has been somewhat more interested in indoor cats, though this is manageable with dog savvy cats.

She is very handler oriented for her people and less willing to work with strangers. This is not abnormal in the Greyhounds I have worked, but she displays an uncommon level of devotion and eagerness to succeed for her people's affection.

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Dog-Dog Interaction:

Adele has her circle of preferred dogs. She is not at all inappropriate with new dogs; she is simply neutral or aloof. As is the case with many Greyhounds, she does maintain a bubble when at rest and can at times be a bit adamant with her corrections. She is assertive within her own home, but not unreasonable as an adult.

I have observed over time, dogs do seem to have an unreasonable response to her existence through no fault of her own. This “kick-me” vibe pops up seemingly randomly and from my experience, there is nothing specifically the dog does to cause the reaction in other dogs. This is simply an observation rather than an inherent fault or virtue of her temperament.

Overall Impression:

Adele is a lovely girl. While she is still maturing, maturity is only manifesting more confidence and devotion. She is devoted, neutral, and steady. Her main struggle relates to dogs in her space when she is at rest. To his credit, her willingness to work with her human has allowed her to overcome these challenges, and her desire for her own space is not atypical of many Greyhounds nor unreasonable. She enjoys going with her human and would do anything for her. I look forward to her continuing to mature.