

HARPER'S TEMPERAMENT ASSESSMENT
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Human interaction:

Harper is a very pro-social girl. She is friendly in the manner of sighthounds compared to the friendliness of Sporting breeds – ie not overbearing and not overly demonstrative. She can hesitate slightly in new circumstances, but there is no flee, simply a touch of aloofness. In general, she is perfectly balanced regarding friendliness with humans.

She loves her humans very much, but she is comfortable boarding and staying elsewhere and there are no indications of separation anxiety.

Handling:

Harper is compliant and easy with handling, as is true of many Silken Windhounds. There are no improvements that could be made in this regard.

Environment:

Overall, Harper is very solid in new environments. She is slightly aloof and very occasionally cautious in truly novel new environments or when she is somewhere new without her humans.

However, this typically shows good common sense rather than any weakness of nerves. Generally, she is very happy to go with her humans and explore new locations.

Drive:

Harper has decent lure drive and willingness to train. I would say she is middle of the road for drive as far as Silken Windhounds go, and should the owner wish to increase drive, they will want to look for a driven male to pair her with.

Overall, her drive could best be described as modest to moderate with a solid natural off-switch in the house.

Dog-Dog Interaction:

Harper is very pro-social with other dogs, in particular with other sighthounds and Silken especially.

She is very good with puppies, though puppies under 8 weeks old she holds herself somewhat aloof from.

Thrown in with a new pack of dogs she doesn't know, she takes a moment to warm up and can be cautious, but not at all to an unreasonable extent.

She has lovely give and take when playing and has absolutely no instances of resource guarding.

Overall Impression:

Harper is an incredibly moderate, easy girl. She exemplifies everything I think of when I think of a well-bred, well-tempered Silken Windhound. There is little else to be said beyond there is little to be improved upon in regard to her temperament.