

Temperament Test Procedure *

Remember

- The temperament test must be the first contact you make with the dog!
- Pick a spot in the center of the ring for the test.
- Have a plan and be consistent
- Do **NOT** permit double-handling of any kind during the test!

Conducting the Test

1. Ask the handler to give the dog an ample, loose lead.
2. Advise the handler NOT to command or to bait the dog.
3. Approach the dog from 6-10 feet away.
4. As you approach look at the dog, but do NOT stare.
5. Be friendly, natural and relaxed.
6. Speak to the handler or the dog.
7. Make contact with the dog (brief touch) but do NOT fawn or fuss over him.

Important

- Fault shy, overly anxious or sound-sensitive dogs.
- Excuse dogs you can not examine because of poor temperament.
- Disqualify dogs who attempt to bite you, another person or a dog in the ring.

This temperament Test Procedure was designed by the **GSDC of America Inc. It is widely used and appreciated across North America and around the world. The methodology is proven and fair to the dog and the exhibitors.*