

Aptitude testing provides dog owners with an effective tool to determine the inherent natural mental potential of dogs used for breeding. It assesses, inter alia, approachability, drive to hunt, nervous stability, defensive behaviour, aggression and the ability of the dog to work off and calm down quickly after being exposed to stressful situations. Dogs are not trained for this test - it is aimed at evaluating the inborn instincts and drives of the dog. During the test the dog must solve a number of problems and cope with stressful situations by itself, without any assistance or commands from its handler.

Minimum age for the Aptitude Test is 22 months, but it is better to wait until a Boxer is about 3 years old. Minimum age for the young dog assessment (DMA) is 12 months.

