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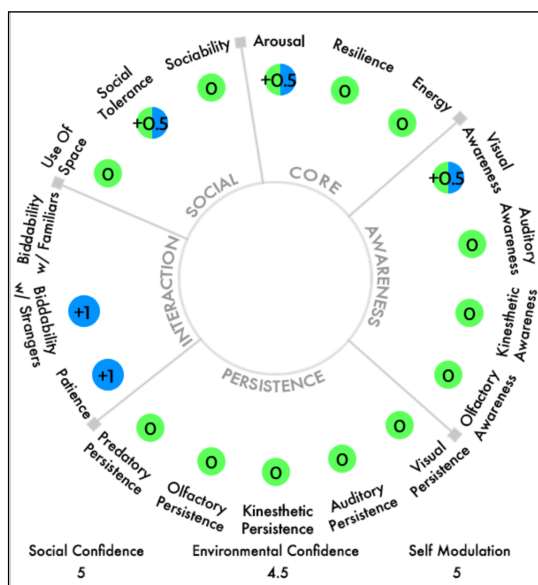
Dog Name MOJO

Breed Peruvian Hairless/Kelpie X

Sex M Age 7 yrs

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## YOUR DOG'S CARAT PROFILE

This CARAT profile is based on observed behaviors that have been scored after assessment and subsequent video review.

This interpretation of this CARAT profile is meant to help you understand your dog's behavior, sensitivities, preferences and possible challenges.

While CARAT profiles reflect the behaviors your dog demonstrated in this specific evaluation, please understand that your dog may behave differently under other conditions.

## OVERALL SNAPSHOT *Based on this evaluation:*

**Mojo** presents as a sociable, stable and cooperative dog. His ability to adapt to the situation is steady throughout the assessment. He shows a few spikes of excitement, most notably when food rewards are involved, but his ability to be appropriate in any situation means he can quickly adjust himself, so quickly that the small spikes in arousal might even be missed. Overall, this is a wonderful dog highly recommended for breeding.

## AROUSAL & RESILIENCE *If your dog becomes excited or upset, you may see:*

**Mojo** did not display any great degree of either being concerned or excited. Nothing in the testing environment upset him to any great degree – the only notable moment being the first encounter with the robot. His steadiness throughout is remarkable.

## *In exciting or upsetting situations, your dog needs you to:*

**Mojo** is very willing to engage and look to the handler for information and direction. In the event he was put into a situation that he found upsetting or exciting, I anticipate he would readily accept timely input from the handler.

## **SENSORY SENSITIVITY & PERSISTENCE** *Based on this evaluation:*

### **Strengths:**

Mojo's primary sort of his environment is visual.

Mojo was aware of other sensory input without being distracted by or strongly persistent in his response to olfactory stimuli.

### **Challenges:**

Anyone handling Mojo should be aware that he may notice visual stimuli before they do.

Olfactory persistence appeared to be focused on food rather than the social stimuli (pee tree) or animal skin present.

## **SOCIAL INTERACTIONS** *When interacting with people, your dog may:*

**Mojo** was enthusiastic about greeting the tester *after* checking out the environment, approaching quickly but remaining appropriate. In a real life setting, he may surprise someone if he has been focusing on the environment around him and then deciding to greet them. He was confident and able to disengage smoothly on his own.

*Your dog needs you to:*

Simply supply direction and explicit permission.

## **TRAINING/BEHAVIOR CHALLENGES**

With consistent and reward-based training, Mojo should do very well in many sports as well as in daily life. He presented as steady and unflappable in the test, which could lead an inexperienced observer to underestimate the speed and athletic ability he has. The situation did not call for these qualities to be put to use, but his excellent structure, overall fitness and smoothly coordinated movement tells the story of what he can do if and when asked.

While willing to try whatever was asked, he did better when it was clear that there would be food rewards. A thoughtful use of reinforcements will bring out the best in this dog.

## **CAUTIONS & CONCERNS** *Please carefully consider these areas of your dog's behavior:*

I have no concerns or cautions for this dog. I would take care to carefully consider siblings as well as parents as they compare to Mojo. Ideally, he does not represent an outlier but a representative of what is typical for his litter and parents.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Despite the unusual cross of breeds, Mojo represents a well-balanced, beautifully structured dog who may offer a lot to the right bitches, depending on the qualities being sought.

Suzanne Clothier, CCA

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