

## Chihuahua Puppy Temperament Test

1. Gently restrain the puppy on his or hers back for 20-30 seconds. Does it fight for a few seconds and then submit, happily laying there? Then check "Calm." Does it fight or cry the whole time. Then check "Independent or Dominant". Does it lay their licking your fingers? Then check "Submissive."
2. Cradle the puppy in your palms, underneath his chest, and lift it off the ground for 30 seconds. Does he struggle for a moment, then accept its position, possible looking around the room? Then check "Calm". Does it struggle to get free for most of the time it is held there? Then check "Independent or Dominant". Does it just hang there submissively right from the start? Then check "Submissive".
3. Get the puppies attention by pat your leg, walk forward, in a friendly voice call it to follow you. Does he or she follow you as you walk forward? Then check "Calm". Does it look and then ignore you to go off and do its own thing? Then check "Independent ". Does it rush up to you and bite your shoe? check "Dominant". Does he or she stay where it is, and possibly sit down, or follow you with its tail between its legs? Then check "Submissive".
4. Get down on your knees and softly clap your hands and in your most inviting voice call the puppy over to you. Does it come? Then check normal. Does it come, but then bite at you? Then check dominant. Does he or she ignore you? check "Independent". Does it come slowly, with his body low to the ground, possibly with its tail between its legs, and/or roll on to its side or back when it gets to you? Then check "Submissive".
5. Take your keys and rattle them loud enough to get the puppy's attention, but not so loud that they scare him or her. Does it come over to investigate. check "Calm". Does it come to investigate and then pounce or bite when it arrives? check "Dominant". Does it comes with tail between his or her legs, with caution? check "Submissive". Does it ignore you all together? check "Independent".

A Chihuahua puppy with a temperament that will be good for most families and people will score "Calm" in the majority of tests. If he scores mostly "Dominant" or "Independent" he will need an owner who is assertive and always positive while training him or her and will be fine in a noise household. If it scores is mostly "Submissive" he or she will suit a quieter household and a more laid back owner.

## Chihuahua Temperament Test Worksheet

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