

# PUPPY APTITUDE AND PERSONALITY TESTING



*SVEN & LUCY LITTER SPRING 2024*

## GOALS OF TESTING :

- To give our puppies a voice in their placement
- To provide you with knowledge and insight regarding our puppies' personalities and temperament.
- To better the breed through our careful selection of traits and attributes.

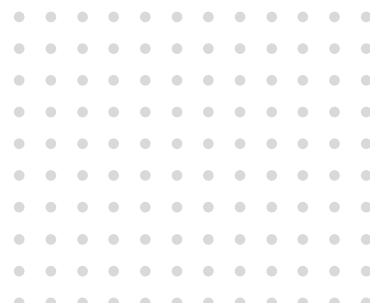
### More Info :

518-506-4193







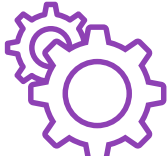
[www.studleyhillgoldens.com](http://www.studleyhillgoldens.com)



*Please keep in mind that these are my own observations and opinions. No results are guaranteed. This is merely an opportunity to share with you my ideas and suggestions regarding our puppies based on my experience.*



# Icon Key

	Emotional Support Animal (ESA) candidate.
	Therapy Dog/facility dog candidate.
	Medical Alert Dog (scent detection, medical response).
	Family/good with children.
	One-on-one (single adult) owner, married couple, retired etc.
	Hunting and tracking dog/field work.
	Obedience work candidate.



Created by: Tammy Rotonde  
 Owner/Breeder/Handler  
 518-506-4193  
[www.studleyhillgoldens.com](http://www.studleyhillgoldens.com)  
[studleyhillgoldens@gmail.com](mailto:studleyhillgoldens@gmail.com)

"Golden Retrievers raised with integrity and love."

- **Puppy:** Red Collar
- **Gender:** Male
- **Birth Order:** 3rd
- **Birth Weight:** 1.54lbs
- **Estimated Adult Weight:** 75lbs
- **Expected Coat Color:** Med/Dark Gold

## BREEDER OBSERVATIONS

Cinnamon is a loving, confident, and intelligent puppy. He is *totally* a people pleaser - a genuine lover, like his dad, Sven. I see a spark in him that is fueled by human connection, which will serve as a wonderful training incentive in the future. His working attitude is always optimistic, asking "what next?" Cinnamon is always up for a puzzle or challenge. Most of all, he *really* enjoys spending time with humans, and is often eager to please. His readiness and willingness to work with humans will make him not only a great family dog, but also a great candidate for work in a facility or institutional setting. Though he is attuned to human needs and emotionally sensitive, he is not easily rattled by people or stressful situations.

**Bottom Line:** With his high nerve strength, calmness, empathy, and low reactivity, Cinnamon will make an excellent family pet. My hope is that he will also someday continue on to service work, Therapy Dog, or even facility dog. With other animals, I expect him to be welcoming and calm. Overall, I am highly confident he will make a very well-rounded dog & loving family pet.

## KEY TESTING POINTS

### Character

Cinnamon's personality is warm, friendly, and engaging - just like his daddy, Sven.

### Human Connection

Touch is enjoyable to Cinnamon, though he is definitely a leader and enjoys exploring things on his own. He will do anything to please others, and likes to stay connected with those around him.

### Reactivity

Cinnamon has high nerve strength, as mentioned above. He has moderate prey drive, but enjoys playing games and interacting. He may make an excellent hunting companion. I anticipate him to be friendly with other dogs & love the outdoors.

### Working Attitude

Cinnamon is excellent at problem solving and is very intelligent. He is definitely a thinker - one that thinks "outside the box." He enjoys & excels at scent work and follows naturally.

**RESERVED**



Red Collar Male - "Cinnamon"

"Cinnamon"

## SUMMARY

LOW ← → HIGH

### Emotional Connection With Humans



### Confidence Level



### Eagerness to Please & Work With Humans



### Touch Tolerance



### Reactivity Level



Remember, low reactivity is good!

### Energy Level



### Prey Drive



**PLEASE NOTE: Cinnamon (renamed Max) is not available for adoption. He has been selected by the breeder for our prestigious "Goldens for Good" program. He will be donated to a family in need as an ESA and Therapy Dog in training.**



Created by: Tammy Rotonde  
Owner/Breeder/Handler  
518-506-4193  
www.studleyhillgoldens.com  
studleyhillgoldens@gmail.com

"Golden Retrievers raised with integrity and love."

- **Puppy:** Yellow Collar
- **Gender:** Female
- **Birth Order:** 1st
- **Birth Weight:** 1.38lbs
- **Estimated Adult Weight:** 65lbs
- **Expected Coat Color:** Med/Dark Gold

## BREEDER OBSERVATIONS

My little popcorn butter-ball... what a sweetie! She is very calm, content and loves to work with both other dogs and humans. She is confident in her approach to new situations, but simultaneously docile and mild-mannered. She is not easily rattled by new situations or stimuli, and does well when presented with new challenges and obstacles. Her touch tolerance is very high, and is demonstrated through the many, many times I have rocked her to sleep in my arms. On top of all of this, "Poppy" has moderate energy, which will serve her well in family life & play, as well as possible hunting & outdoor endeavors, should her family so choose. **Bottom Line:** Popcorn is easy-going, eager to please, and very affectionate towards humans. Her tender-hearted ways and good nature will make her a great family pet, or even future Therapy Dog. I think she would do exceptionally well as either a family dog with children, or personal pet- so long as there is structure, encouragement, and direction.

## KEY TESTING POINTS

### Character

Poppy is confident - she will make you smile with her friendliness and easy going nature. She is very well-rounded, laid back and eager to please.

### Human Connection

Popcorn loves humans. She can be a little shy at first, but very quickly warms up to you and is eager to connect both physically and emotionally. She connects well with all people and really enjoys working through obstacles and puzzles.

### Reactivity

Poppy has high nerve strength, which, coupled with her affectionate nature, will make her an excellent candidate for family pet. She does not startle easily and has high nerve resilience. Her prey drive indicates she will most likely enjoy outdoor play, especially a good game of fetch.

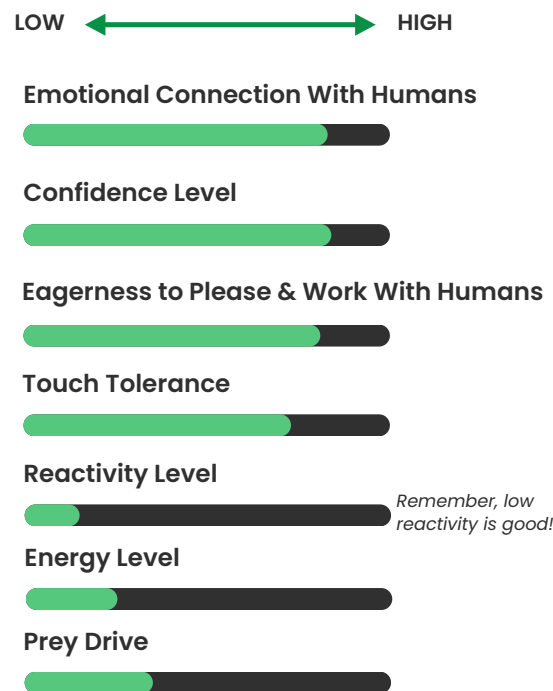
### Working Attitude

Poppy possesses two key qualities: 1) eager to please and 2) motivated by human connection. These qualities will make her a successful family dog, personal pet, or even Therapy Dog/ESA. At times, she becomes easily distracted, so it's important that future training efforts are focused on positive reinforcement, goal-oriented activities, and gentle (but firm) redirection when necessary. This will help Poppy to flourish into a well rounded working dog and family pet.



"Popcorn (Poppy)"

## SUMMARY



Created by: **Tammy Rotonde**  
**Owner/Breeder/Handler**  
 518-506-4193  
[www.studleyhillgoldens.com](http://www.studleyhillgoldens.com)  
[studleyhillgoldens@gmail.com](mailto:studleyhillgoldens@gmail.com)

"Golden Retrievers raised with integrity and love."



- **Puppy:** Pink Collar
- **Gender:** Female
- **Birth Order:** 2nd
- **Birth Weight:** 1.32lbs
- **Estimated Adult Weight:** 62lbs
- **Expected Coat Color:** Dark Gold

## BREEDER OBSERVATIONS

Ah, miss Caramel - sweet *just* like her namesake. I knew it from the moment she was born by the way she melted in my hands. Caramel is like the ooey-goey melted caramel center of a warm chocolate lava cake.... Her personality is captivating and truly warms you up. She is dainty, mildly sassy, and oh so ladylike - *perhaps even a bit of a princess* - but in the best, most regal sense of the word...

She is likewise very easy going, mild mannered and malleable - wonderful traits to have as both a family pet or service dog. Caramel is my go-to pup for when I'm feeling down or need some extra snuggle time. I see her becoming a professional snuggler as she gets older. She is great with children and all people, forming strong emotional connections with humans.

**Bottom Line:** Like her sisters, Caramel is also affectionate with low reactivity and high touch tolerance. However, Caramel has a little bit higher energy needs and does especially well in a 1:1 setting. Because of this, I believe she would be best suited as a personal dog or even an ESA.

## KEY TESTING POINTS

### Character

Caramel is a sweet, charming girl who is eager and willing to work with humans. She loves to play and engage.

### Human Connection

Caramel enjoys spending time with people. You may find her "checking in" every now and then. She is very supportive.

### Reactivity

Caramel has overall low reactivity. She is calm in stressful situations and handles new sights and sounds with calm and poise. She likes to be active and adventure.

### Working Attitude

Caramel would be a great candidate for future obedience work, and possibly even a medical alert dog or ESA. She has shown promise in scent detection since she was only a few days old! She most enjoys 1-on-1 compared to a family or group setting, but could handle either setting with ease & grace.



"Caramel"

## SUMMARY

LOW  HIGH

### Emotional Connection With Humans



### Confidence Level



### Eagerness to Please & Work With Humans



### Touch Tolerance



### Reactivity Level



### Energy Level



### Prey Drive



Created by: Tammy Rotonde  
Owner/Breeder/Handler  
518-506-4193  
www.studleyhillgoldens.com  
studleyhillgoldens@gmail.com

"Golden Retrievers raised with integrity and love."

Interested in learning more, or would like to receive additional information about our puppies?  
Please contact us today!

- **Puppy:** Teal Collar
- **Gender:** Female
- **Birth Order:** 4th
- **Birth Weight:** 1.58lbs
- **Estimated Adult Weight:** 70lbs
- **Expected Coat Color:** Medium Gold

## BREEDER OBSERVATIONS

Marshmallow is an absolute *lovebug*. This one really has it all going for her... She's like that friend you envy who is the "jack of all trades," and manages to do it all so gracefully. Marshmallow is definitely the most well-rounded of this litter - a true testament to the Golden breed & example of what our program can offer. She is intelligent, extremely friendly and outgoing, eager to please, and loves to play. She has a healthy level of puppy energy, but at the same time has a great "off-switch" - an ability to calm herself and self-regulate, which is truly exceptional for such a small puppy. This is really a testament to our enrichment, neurologic stimulation, and select breeding for temperament. I'm so pleased with Marshmallow. She does well with all people, especially children. In fact, I would go so far as to say she probably *needs* to be in a family with young people and children due to her personality and energy needs. **Bottom Line:** With her eagerness to please and docile, loving nature, Marshmallow will make a great family companion and working dog. She will thrive in a structured home with direction, encouragement, and plenty of love and affection. She will make obedience work look easy. I'm excited to see the joy she will bring to others.

## KEY TESTING POINTS

### Character

Marshmallow is loving and loyal, but also confident. She needs someone who will give her healthy challenges and direction. She needs a family who will challenge her and also provide lots of stimulation, love and enrichment.

### Human Connection

Marshmallow thrives on human touch and bonding. She is very eager to please and will surely make a great companion.

### Reactivity

Marshmallow has low reactivity, which will serve her well in a family setting - especially with children.

### Working Attitude

Marshmallow has a great working attitude and loves brain games and puzzles. She is one of the first to try a new game or toy and is very eager to learn new things. Due to her inherent prey drive, love of scent work, and energy potential, I think she would also make a great hunting/field companion.



"Marshmallow"

## SUMMARY

LOW ← → HIGH

### Emotional Connection With Humans



### Confidence Level



### Eagerness to Please & Work With Humans



### Touch Tolerance



### Reactivity Level



### Energy Level



### Prey Drive



Created by: Tammy Rotonde  
Owner/Breeder/Handler  
518-506-4193  
www.studleyhillgoldens.com  
studleyhillgoldens@gmail.com

"Golden Retrievers raised with integrity and love."

- **Puppy:** Purple Collar
- **Gender:** Female
- **Birth Order:** 5th
- **Birth Weight:** 1.38lbs
- **Estimated Adult Weight:** 65lbs
- **Expected Coat Color:** Med/Dark Gold

## BREEDER OBSERVATIONS

Licorice is exactly like her namesake. Just like the traditional candy, black licorice, this girl's personality is *such* a complex "flavor." There is unquestionably a warmth and sweetness to her - a unique level of tenderheartedness that is unparalleled in this litter. Licorice is always one of the first puppies to greet me every day, and loves to sit and snuggle for hours. She often gives unwavering eye contact - almost to the point that I have to ask "*what are you thinking about little one?*" In particular, she LOVES canine massage. She can sometimes be mildly sassy, so it's important that her owner is calm, diplomatic, and reinforces good behaviors when appropriate. I have no concerns about Licorice; she has proven herself to be a hard worker, intuitive, and incredibly insightful.

**Bottom Line:** With her high nerve strength, outgoing nature, confidence, touch tolerance, and low reactivity, Licorice will make an excellent pet. While I could easily see her working well 1:1 with someone, as say an ESA, I think she would be *best* served in a family setting. This is because she thrives on emotional connections with others, enjoys daily enrichment, and is exceptionally loving with children. Her dynamic nature will be best developed in a family environment. Licorice is a terrific testament to the Golden Retriever breed, and makes me proud as a breeder.

## KEY TESTING POINTS

### Character

As noted above, Licorice's personality is warm, inviting, and dynamic. She is unquestionably sweet but also has a healthy dose of spunk - a *true* "flavor" to savor! I'm excited to see how she develops over time.

### Human Connection

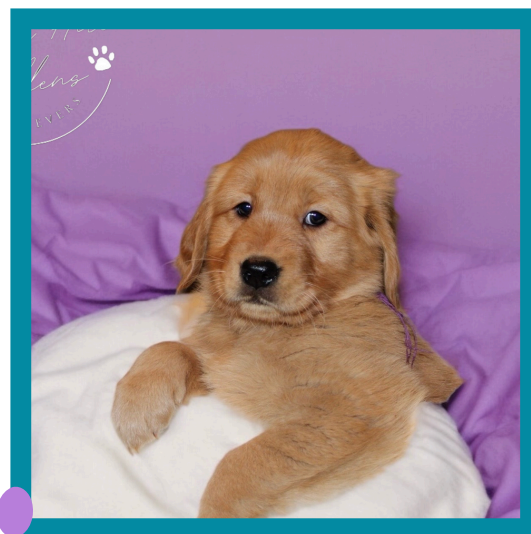
Licorice doesn't need attention all the time. She is good at occupying herself, which is great for owners who are busy.

### Reactivity

Licorice demonstrates low reactivity and high nerve strength through our testing & enrichment program.

### Working Attitude

Licorice is a worker, so long as people are involved. People & human connection is her motivation, and her handlers/owners should recognize and develop this strength as she ages.



"Licorice"

## SUMMARY

LOW ← → HIGH

### Emotional Connection With Humans



### Confidence Level



### Eagerness to Please & Work With Humans



### Touch Tolerance



### Reactivity Level



Remember, low reactivity is good!

### Energy Level



### Prey Drive



Created by: Tammy Rotonde  
Owner/Breeder/Handler  
518-506-4193  
www.studleyhillgoldens.com  
studleyhillgoldens@gmail.com

"Golden Retrievers raised with integrity and love."





# TESTING RESULTS



- **Puppy:** Green Collar
- **Gender:** Male
- **Birth Order:** 6th
- **Birth Weight:** 1.60lbs
- **Estimated Adult Weight:** 73lbs
- **Expected Coat Color:** Med/Dark Gold

## BREEDER OBSERVATIONS

Apple is such a “middle of the road” kind of guy. He’s so easygoing and just goes with the flow.... That’s why I’ve selected him for our future breeding program & *Heart of Gold* Therapy Dog program. He is the “steady Eddy” of the bunch, and is pretty much always up for anything. He is docile and sweet, but also enjoys playing rough with his littermates, too. I have a feeling he will be good with other dogs and pets. Apple likes to observe from a distance, but does engage well with humans when tasked with a challenge or activity. He works very well with humans and has a great nose for scent work, too. He isn’t afraid to assert himself in a situation, and likes to be the first one to investigate a new challenge.

**Bottom Line:** With his resilience, eagerness to please, and calm nature, Apple will make a great pet and working dog. Though he naturally has high touch tolerance, we believe that it’s important Apple’s personal space and boundaries are respected. We believe he will grow and thrive in a home where he is empowered, challenged, and appropriately stimulated. We’re excited for what’s to come.

## KEY TESTING POINTS

### Character

Apple is an easygoing fellow. This is why he needs someone who will give him good support and direction. He needs a leader who will challenge him and provide lots of stimulation.

### Human Connection

Apple likes human touch, but often likes to chill out on his own, too. He enjoys snuggles but will thrive with obedience training.

### Reactivity

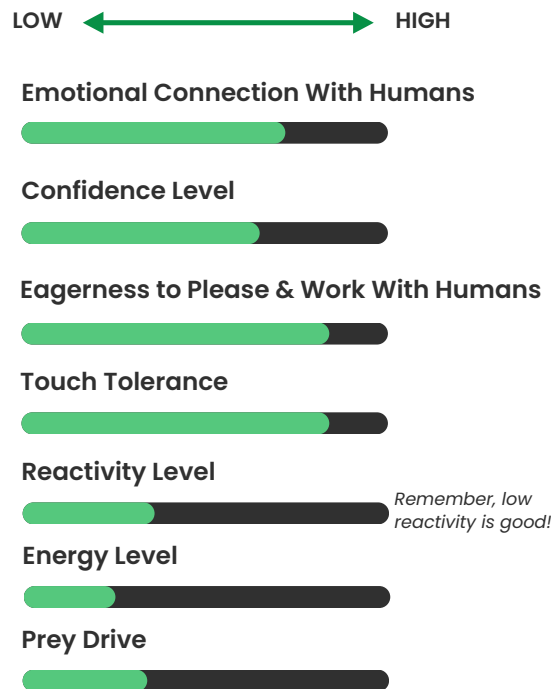
Apple is overall low reactivity, but he does have some sensitivity to sights and sounds. Again, this is where the gentle reassurance and guidance comes into play.

### Working Attitude

Apple has a great working attitude and loves brain games and puzzles. He is the first to try a new game or toy and is very eager to learn new things.



## SUMMARY



**PLEASE NOTE that Apple is not available for adoption. He has been selected by the breeder for our future breeding program endeavors. Join us in welcoming Apple (renamed Holden) to the Studley Hill Golden family!**



Created by: Tammy Rotonde  
Owner/Breeder/Handler  
518-506-4193  
www.studleyhillgoldens.com  
studleyhillgoldens@gmail.com

"Golden Retrievers raised with integrity and love."