

ALAPAHA BULLDOG REGISTRY'S PINTA PROTECTION TEST (PPT)

Why PPT Is Important

A well bred Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog needs to have the genetic predisposition to be social, naturally alert, naturally protective, and highly trainable that's intelligent and can be trained. These bulldogs are alert to threats with or without commands, attack with or without a bite (making a biting motion without actually biting the threat), and perform on and off-lead attacks and control of the threat. They're highly alert in the home, at work, and in public areas. The Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog should have the highest level of alerting to a threat and are one of the quickest ways to deter or neutralize a threat. These bulldogs are bred genetically to protect and should be able to differentiate between a stranger with innocent intentions and a stranger with a malicious intentions. As all perimeter and personal protection canines, they can be exposed very quickly and are often under-qualified if the threat has a weapon. The Pinta Protection Test is to exploit the Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog's ability to differentiate between a threat and a stranger. Impulse control is the utmost importance of an intelligent Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog. The Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog must be willing to protect upon the need and be able to have the cognitive impulse-control of focusing on who is the threat without having stress, fear, or aggression towards the non threat.

Requirements

- Must be 18 months old.
- Evaluator or Tester can deny the test based on handler equipment.
- Evaluator or Tested can stop the test at anytime.
- Must have achieved a level of ELITE with the ABR'S Stability Aptitude Test (SATE)

Dogs that have not achieved an SATE title Must have at least one of these basic formal obedience titles to perform the test:

- BH
- ATT
- CGC
- SPOT
- IDTT

HANDLER EQUIPMENT: Leash. Harness or agitation collar (flat collar over 2.5" wide) preferred. Flat collars under 2" wide prohibited. Correction collars prohibited. *All equipment must be inspected and approved by tester prior to the exercise*

TEST/TESTER EQUIPMENT : 4 cones, either two of the following -Bite sleeve, padded stick, clatter stick, jug of rocks, 1 Helper, and 1 Blind. No scratch protection training apron is recommended to be worn through this test.

Performing The Test

The test is performed as a staged threat to the handler by the tester, the tester has either two of the following - bite sleeve, padded stick, clatter stick, jug of rocks. There will be 4 cones or Xs set up in a square, each cone (or x) is 10ft apart. The handler will be told which cone to be stationary at before the test. A blind is set up 20 ft from a far cone that's in front of the handler stationary cone. The evaluator will observe this test from up to 50ft away and will notify the handler and tester when to start. Tester is hidden behind the blind. The helper will be stationed at the cone that's 10ft on either side of the handler. The evaluator will signal when the test begins. Once the evaluator does notify both to begin, then the tester emerges from between the blind and walks toward the handler. The tester will approach the handler and Alapaha AGGRESSIVELY. The tester is allowed to yell at the handler and the Alapaha. The Alapaha must show confidence and willingness to engage. The tester must not lay a hand on the dog or the handler throughout the test. Once the tester approaches the handler and dog, the tester will stop at the cone 10 ft in front of the handler agitating the Alapaha. After a few seconds, the tester will perform a full 10ft perimeter circle (left or right) around the handler and Alapaha while agitating in a realistic threatening behavior. The tester must make this threat very believable and react to the reaction of the Alapaha. Once the tester returns to their start cone then the evaluator will signal the helper to calmly walk 10 ft to the cone in front of them and turn back facing their starting cone of which they came from. It's important for the helper to NOT make eye contact with the Alapaha. Once the helper is done, the tester will make another 10 ft perimeter circle around the handler and Alapaha. This time going opposite direction (left or right) than last time. Once the tester returns to the start cone, the helper will calmly walk back to their start cone 10ft in front of them. The canine must stay by the side or in front of the handler throughout this test. The Alapaha is allowed to retreat momentarily in the beginning to the tester's behaviors but MUST recover quickly with an alert and protective behavior. The Alapaha can quickly focus on the helper but must not be aggressive towards the helper. This test is for the Alapaha to evaluate on who is or isn't a threat. The handler is allowed ONLY 1 correction on the Alapaha behavior toward's the helper. The handler is recommended to encourage and praise the canine for any type of protective behavior towards the agitator. A dog MUST NOT RETREAT throughout this test. The evaluator will signal PASS or FAIL at the end of the test. If a bite sleeve is worn, the tester is encouraged to give the Alapaha a bite as a reward at the end of the test if the Alapaha passed.

***Test must be stopped as soon as the Alapaha fails. We do not want to put too much pressure on an Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog that is not prepared for it.**

FAILED TEST - THE CANINE NOT STANDING BOLD AND/OR RETREATING BEHIND THE HANDLER, THE DOG BEHAVING FEARFUL FROM THE TESTER. LACK OF WILL TO ENGAGE. FOCUSING ON THE HELPER, BARKING OR GROWLING AT THE HELPER AFTER HANDLER'S CORRECTIVE COMMAND. HANDLER CORRECTING THE ALAPAHA MORE THAN ONE TIME.