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# **Character Assessment in SV**

**Procedure to prepare for the  
character assessment test**

**&**

**An overview for the clubs of  
equipment required for the test**



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## Equipment

- 🐾 A club has to provide following equipment for the test - listed on next pages including images





## WB test set up

1. Impartiality test
2. Social behavior
3. Noise sensitivity
4. Mobility steadiness
5. Play and prey drive
6. Basic temperament characteristic



# 1. Impartiality test

## Order of the test

- 🐾 ID Check
- 🐾 Teeth and testicles for males
- 🐾 Measuring on a platform

## Necessary Equipment

- ✓ Chip Reader
- ✓ Measuring stick
- ✓ Platform for measuring (80x120cm)
- ✓ Table for paperwork



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# 1. Impartiality test - equipment.





## 2. Social behavior

### Order of the test

- 🐾 Relationship between dog/handler
- 🐾 Behavior in group of people
- 🐾 Behavior near another dog

### Necessary Equipment

(Handler brings his own toy)

- ✓ Ball with a string, tug toy with a loop, larger tug etc.



### 3. Noise sensitivity

#### Order of the test

- 🐾 Source of noise 1 (Motor)
- 🐾 Source of noise 2 (Metal chain)
- 🐾 Gun shots

#### Necessary Equipment

- ✓ Chain saw (no blade)
- ✓ Chain (thick metal, ca. 150 cm)
- ✓ Metal sheet (ca. 100x100 cm)
- ✓ Starter pistol 6 mm





### 3. Geräuschempfindlichkeit



Noise source 1



Noise source 2



Starter pistol 6mm



Set up for noise source 2





## 4. Mobility Steadiness

### Order of test

- 🐾 Confidence and movement on wobbly table
- 🐾 Height sensitivity (on tables)

### Necessary Equipment

- ✓ Wobble table (Pallet with slippery surface (120 x 100 cm) with a round 10 cm pole in the middle to make it unstable)
- ✓ Height sensitivity on 6 average beer tables 220 cm long, 75 cm high and about 70 cm wide
- ✓ Ramp to get on the tables with non slippery surface



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## 4. Bewegungssicherheit



Wobbly  
plattform



Height sensitivity



## 5. Play and prey drive

### Order of test

- 🐾 Dog plays with handler
- 🐾 Dog plays with stranger
- 🐾 Drive for the toy when hidden
- 🐾 Play on a slippery floor (under stress)

### Necessary Equipment

- ✓ Preferred toy for a dog
- ✓ Milk crate style box to hide the toy
- ✓ Minimum 2 stakes to secure the box
- ✓ A room with a slippery floor. (ca. 30qm)
- ✓ Metal food bowl



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## 5. Spiel und Beutetrieb

Box to hide toy



Slippery floor



## 6. Basic temperament characteristics

### Order of test

- 🐾 Dog left alone (ca. 5-10 Min)

### **Necessary Equipment**

- ✓ Area where the dog can be tied out (Post or a tree, doesn't have to be a part of club field)
- ✓ minimum 1,5 m Leash (thin steel tie out is also allowed)





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## Parameters to consider

- 🐾 A line up will be announced at the beginning of the trial. Participants will follow the line up.
- 🐾 The testing procedures must be followed in the order given in the rules.
- 🐾 Loud speaker system is required for the critiques.
- 🐾 The WB test is always a public event





## Other Requirements

- 🐾 To process the WB paperwork the club should have a windows computer and a printer.
- 🐾 The entries must be submitted to the USCA/SV office on time.
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