

GLEN OF IMAAL TERRIER RESCUE FOUNDATION

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RAW DATA from Glen Temperament Survey (2/24/05 – 2/6/06)

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Respondents: (110) Dogs (114)

1) Date this survey is being completed:

February 24, March 1, March 7 (2), March 8 (1), March 21 (1), May 15 (1), May 16 (25), May 17 (14), May 18 (8), May 19 (6), May 20 (3), May 27 (1), June 3 (5), June 4 (2), June 15 (1), June 19 (1), June 26 (1), June 29 (1), June 30 (1), July 9 (6), July 10 (10), July 11 (1), July 12 (1), July 13 (1), July 22 (3), 2005, January 20 (1), February 1 (1), February 2 (4), February 3 (2), February 6 (1), 2006

How many Glens: 1 Glen (55) – 2 Glens (17) -3 Glens (6) - 4 Glens (1) - 5 Glens (1) – 8 Glens (1) – 10 Glens (1)*

**Compilers note: One respondent submitted a survey form with information on ten Glens all on one form. I was unable, with reasonable certainty, to decipher the information supplied so that information was not used. However, the comments in regard to the questions asked were deemed pertinent and consequently were added to this tally.*

In addition, three respondents submitted a form with information on two dogs, and one person submitted a form with information about three dogs on it. That is why there are more dogs than respondents.

2) Glen's Date of birth:

1989 (1), 1991 (1), 1992 (1), 1993 (2), 1994 (1), 1995 (5), 1996 (10), 1997 (6), 1998 (5), 1999 (10), 2000 (13), 2001 (12), 2002 (18), 2003 (6), 2004 (17), 2005 (5), Unknown (1)

3) Sex: M (61) F (53)

4) Spayed/Neutered: Yes (57) No (56)

5) At what Age? N/A (56), 5 (1), 6 (16), 7.5 (2), 8 (4), 9 (1), 10 (3), 11 (1), months, under a year (4), 1 (5) year, 2 (4), 3 (1), 4 (1), 5 (1), 6 (1), 8 (3), years, Unknown (5)

6) How old was your dog when it left the breeder? 6 (1), 7 (6), 8 (21), 9 (9), 10 (18), 11 (2), 12 (17), 13 (2), 14 (5), 15 (1) weeks; 5 – 5 - 6 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 12 – months; 1 - 1 ½ - 5 – 4 – 4 – 3 ½ - years) (N/A - 9), Unknown (6), “rescued from pound at 4 mo.”

7) Does your dog have a tendency to submissively urinate (as opposed to the “I’m so happy to see you” greeting urination)? Yes (19) No (90)

““He always peed when he was seeing familiar people. It was a serious amount of pee. Even is he was just out, he would pee all over them and the floor”

“did but not now”

“until 6 months”

8) Does your dog have a difficult time with separation? Yes (18) No (90)

If so, please explain:

“He just plain doesn't like to be left. He wants to be part of the party at all times.”

“I would not say he has difficulty with separation but definately prefers to be near people”

“This male was originally owned by another breeder and then sold to me at age one and half. First few months he showed separation anxiety by chewing which resolved.”

“***** matured almost overnight when he was 9-12 mos old. He had significant problems with separation before that time, but since then he has had very little difficulty.

When ***** was a puppy, he was rarely out of sight or sound of me, and on those occasions when I needed to leave him home alone, he would cry and carry on. As he got a bit older, I made a point of leaving him alone, and he has outgrown the problem. He still wants to go everywhere with me, but he accepts the situation when he is left home. He is frequently by himself for 6-8 hours, sometimes as long as 12 hours, with almost no problems. I do not restrain him, and he has the run of the house. He has had a few problems while I've been away, but has chosen one part of the kitchen floor, which is easy to clean up - I think maybe three instances in the past two years.”

“No, not since he matured. Though, if given his druthers he would spend his every wakened moment in my presence . . . I call him "my little doppelganger" .”

“If you separate her from her mom”

“If you separate her from her daughter”

“Whines sometimes.”

“if she can see or hear me she will whine...otherwise she will stay at home happily or stay at freinds house right at gate waiting for me without whining (like Greyfriars Bobby!!)”

“On just two occasions in the past 6 years, he has gone ballistic in his crate, having apparently thought he was in there too long. He really wrecked it too... bent it all out of shape! Most of the time he is fine with being left.

Also, hasn't done the urination thing in ages.”

“We couldn't leave the puppy in a hotel room (crated) in March, so had to take her with us everywhere. She is getting better about this, however.”

“He is very attached to me and some times it is difficult for me to leave, however once I'm gone he just sleeps(I assume) no destructive behavior”

“**** is fine when I am away during the day but if he is left with a dog sitter when I am out of town (sitter stays here), **** will bark excessively. He will also bark excessively when left in his crate during the day. It is an hysterical kind of barking. He will also drag my personal effects and pile in front of the front door (clothing, shoes, etc.)

“Tears things up when left alone. Tranquilizers do not work.”

“My husband and I work shift work so **** does not usually have to spend very much time alone, as we work opposite shifts. However if we both end up on the same shift and he is left alone all day for several days in a row he becomes very depressed. He will not eat, play, or take his normal walks. He gets so upset he makes himself sick to the point of vomiting. I have to keep stomach medicine or it gets to the point we have to go to the vet.”

“More prone to eliminate in the house, but not always. We always have family or friends stay with him at home, so he has familiar surroundings. On our return he stays close, sleeps close, wants to be touching (sleeping on a foot, etc) and whines to go whenever we leave - things he doesn't usually do. For several days to 2 weeks after return, he is anxious, not playful like he usually is.”

“only in that he barks incessantly while he can still see me (such as when in an X-pen) but quiets and relaxes once I am out of view”

“When he was a pup he cried, barked, howled made ugly terrier sounds like if he was being tortured. He has gotten better since he has a playmate, but he will still bark when left alone.”

“She certainly doesn't like to be left. But we've had no problems leaving her up to 9 hours. We've never boarded her.”

“My dog whines if left alone in a room and got sick when left for 4 days at a kennel.”

“His nanny would be with him at all times, and he loved her. But he would spread himself out at my bedroom door, and stay there about 5 days, then he gave in. He did not get to go to the beach, his favorite, etc. His food was brought to him on a tray.”

“Not difficult as such, but does tend to sulk now and again.”

“He likes to be near a family member at all times. He is OK when we leave, just sad.”

“She will occasionally cry or howl when crated after we leave. This seems to be only if we do this in the afternoon.”

9) Do you automatically confine your dog when the doorbell rings?

Yes (21) No (92)

If so, why?

“I leash him for strangers”

“She will jump on people and try to run out”

“she gets very excited to be the door "greeter" and can jump up on the individual, but this happens rarely. usually she just wants to run to the door to see who is there.”

“Couldn't trust would either jump, attack or pee”

“With multiple dogs, it makes sense to confine them until the visitor gets inside and settled.”

“Well, with multiple dogs, it just makes sense! Allow the visitor to get in the door and get settled before greeting dogs.”

“To keep her from jumping on the person in greeting (we are not as strict as we should be about this).”

“***** will urinate even when looking through our glass door at someone standing on the doorstep outside. He also gets very excited when visitors come and he can be quite overwhelming (very very friendly)”

“Gets too excited and pees. Also not good with children”

“***** does get very excited when the doorbell rings. and he loves to greet guests. but he normally settles down after a couple of minutes. if not, then i just put a chew-bone in his mouth and he is off running to find places to hide it..”

“She is just too happy to see anyone and will make lots of noise and jump.”

“Gets too worked up and jumps all over people. I am also not sure how he will react with strangers.”

“I have 4 dogs...too much excitement all at once..he still jumps on people for attention”

“She is too excited - she thinks that visitors have come to see her not anyone else.”

“***** barks when someone comes to the door or drives in the driveway, but as soon as she sees the person or dog she approaches with her tail wagging and head down. She will usually gently put her paws up on the person unless called away”

“To keep from escaping and to keep from jumping up and scaring a guest”

”He does tend to jump to greet visitors. We have been working on this.”

“trained her better than my last two! She was trained to lie down quietly when someone comes into the house until they notice her. “

“He jumps all over people, trying to kiss them. We have very few visitors, so it’s hard to train him to be clam.”

“Do not have a doorbell! Seriously, if someone is at the door, I will only confine a dog if there are too many loose at once. Terriers have a tendency to get at each other when excited.”

“They go unbelievably crazy!!”

“however, we are still in training so he does need to be retrained when guests arrive”

“I don't want him to get out due to his dog aggression!”

10) Do you attempt to hold a conversation while simultaneously holding the dog's collar? Yes (28) No (80) Both yes and no (5)

“Yes and No. If I held his collar he would get more aggressive because I was restraining him.”

“On the other hand, **** and **** are very gregarious and friendly --- and with some people I do hold them till they get over there excitement.”

“With strangers”

11) Can you bathe, dry and brush your dog without using some type of restraining device? Yes (104) No (8) “Bathe yes – Brush no. (2)”

“except the brushing...he thinks it's a game and tries to catch the brush in his mouth”

12) If your dog had a thorn in its paw, could you remove it without help?

Yes (99) No (10) Possibly/Probably (3) Don't know (1)

13) If you knew how to remove stitches from a minor injury, would your pet let you do it? Yes (91) No (15) Probably/Maybe (4) Don't know (1)

Comments:

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“He goes to the groomer's to be done. I believe he would let me do anything without much of a fuss.”

“She goes to the groomer's to be done. I can sometimes clip her nails,she is reluctant about it. I believe I could remove a thorn or stitches with someone holding her but it would be difficult.”

“IN the past, when **** has needed a painful hot spot shaved or his toe-nails clipped at the vet, we were all very happy he was muzzled. He DOES NOT like pain and will try to remove the pain causing agent through biting and snarling.”

“hates paws being touched...”

“She might be a little squirmy, but aggression would NOT be an issue! As to bathing.... I don't actually bathe my terriers, so I don't know how she would react. I suspect that a leash would be helpful.”

“In both dogs, their feet are particularly sensitive. The older dog does not like her paws being brushed, and is squeamish about nail-cutting.

The younger dog doesn't mind her paws being brushed but literally screams during nail-cutting at the groomers.

Another glen that we had didn't mind us touching her paws at all and was stoic about nail-cutting.”

“***** is paralyzed by fear at the vet's office and stands very quietly. The only thing he will not permit is being flipped over on his back by anyone else but me.”

“She is not happy about having any work done on her. She squirms and gets anxious and demanding.”

“***** is absolutely petrified of water, high pitched tones, thunder storms, etc. Having her nails clipped at the veterinarian's office takes 4 grown adults to restrain her.”

“***** is extremely mild mannered and laid back. She may fuss a bit if I tried to remove stitches or a thorn, walk away, etc. but eventually she'd lay on her bed and let me do it.”

“I would be afraid he would bite me”

“These questions are puzzling to me...my Glen has never shown aggression (or submission) towards me or anyone else. She does do the territorial barking at passers-by when sitting and looking out of the glass doors, but if allowed out she would only go to greet them. “

“She's really rather do it herself! But if I insisted she probably would let me then clean the spot herself.”

“I use a dremel tool to cut his nails”

“***** is very stubborn and hard headed. If you are trying to do something that he doesn't want done he will wrestle has had as is necessary to get away from you.”

“We handled him from puppyhood, checking paws, ears, tail, etc. So he's good with us, good with the vet, who has even pulled hair from the ears without him being sedated (something she says is usually necessary).”

“I am not sure about the stitches - she does try to mouth the brushes when I groom her and does get excited when I have to undo matted hair because it hurts.”

“Have done this when necessary on all my dogs, why should a Glen be different?”

“have done it on my Glens”

“***** dislikes grooming, but will go to the grooming area without force. She tolerates hand stripping, nail trimming, ear cleaning etc”

“Do what? minor surgery? Remove stitches?”

“While she is not sensitive to being poked and prodded, she is very sensitive to external stimulus such as bugs, thorns, rain, ice & snow in paws.”

“Woe betide, anyone else doing this. No problem for me. Adult vets shook when they saw his appt. Yet he was a very, very sweet dog, just opiated. He loved the reaction he got, when he spoke his opinion. He was a dog, who upon entering a room, said. I am in charge here, but I was the captain of the ship. He was my whole life. He lost one and only one round.”

“Probably not. He’s pretty sensitive about anything painful. He will growl and sometimes snap but not really bite. He has good bite inhibition and will refrain if scolded.”

14) Can you remove a chew toy or treat from your dog's mouth?

Yes (108) No (4)

Comments:

“I’m not afraid to take something out of ****’s mouth, it’s just that she will hold onto the bone with all of her might and it is extremely difficult. I’m afraid she’ll worm out of her collar or choke on the item if I pursue it too intently. There are times I win the tug of war for the object, but, for the most part she is the stronger. There is no fear of her biting me, however.”

“Sometimes”

“Yes, also my six year old daughter can do that”

“yes chew /no treat”

“Depends on the toy.”

“Sometimes”

15) Does your dog growl or show any aggression towards people who get too close to a favorite toy? Yes (5) No (108)

a) Resting area? Yes (1) No (112)

b) Food bowl? Yes (11) No (100) Possibly/Sometimes (2)

Comments:

“Toys, food taken from dog early on as part of training. **** is VERY food oriented and was trained to "leave & sit" while her food was removed, then returned to her. Same with toyss”

“The glens we have compared 2 breeds r v tolerant of human interference with them they r v easily handled & r v "understanding””

“He has an eating issue around other dogs - people can go near him while he is eating, just not other dogs. This was never a problem until we got our second Glen. He would share food with another dog, until we got our second one when he was six years old.”

“can remove a toy but I have not attempted a treat.”

“**** can growl about the toy if he has it under the bed, which is his domain. Then again, he is wagging his tail and he "growls" a lot to vocalize. If push came to shove, I don't think the growl would be an indicator that a snap or bite is next.”

“She has never growled at anyone for any reason.”

“The older dog is very protective of her food, and will go after the puppy's dish if unguarded.

The puppy isn't as possessive of her food.”

“The children have always been encouraged to help feed the dogs also give them respect when they are entitled to it.”

“If he doesn't want you to get something you won't but he just holds on with his powerful jaw very rarely growls unless provoked”

“We have cats and to them she growls and/or drives them away if they get too close to her when she's eating or chewing a snack. This sometimes happens also when the cats approach her resting place, esp. if she has a (favorite) toy by her side or if she suddenly awakes from sleep to the cat's presence. She doesn't try to harm the cats though, she only drives them away. Also she growls to other dogs if they get too close when she's eating (but she can chew a snack in the presence of another dog)”

“Has always been very territorial about her food. As a puppy we worked on it, but she is still not to be trusted around food.”

“***** is a very laid back dog. the only times i get nervous is when he is excited, because he can deliver a painful nip, or when he is around children. he had not quite learned yet to be nice to children - jumps on them..”

“***** is "the submissive" dog in all social situations”

“*****. is VERY protective of his food dish and bones: will snarl or bite his companion dog (a 1 yr old female glen) if she gets too close. She is caged during feeding time; SHE has learned to leave his things alone. (she does bark at the door so he runs outside and THEN she steals his bone and hides under a chair where he can't get to her)”

“very protective of his territory”

“She thinks someone going near a toy means she's about to play, and someone going near her food bowl means she's about to eat. She enjoys both. “

“He's very mellow and socialized, so anyone can remove anything from his mouth without a problem - children, strangers, even other dogs.”

“The only aggression I've seen in my Glen when it comes to favorite toys, is towards dogs he doesn't know, who's visiting. We then solve this problem by hiding the toy in advance. No problem then”

“***** is extremely passive about all of the above not only with people, but also with other dogs. She will guard her food a bit around the neighbors cats, but not aggressively.”

“She is very "nervous" and "food protective" when having raw meat (marrow bones), and prefers to retreat to her kennel or alone on for privacy so as not to get into a compromised situation over the meat. If you approach her when she's having raw meat,

she will growl nervously and may urinate due to extreme tension and anxiety over the meat. Although we try to acclimate her to not be "food aggressive", I would definitely not trust her in this situation with other people around. “

“I have seen no aggression from him except towards legitimate prey.”

“Food bowl now and again but not all the time.”

“Again, trained her to "leave it" to give up whatever she has to a human when asked.”

“sometimes he picks up things like my glasses and wants me to chase him. he will growl when i try to retrieve it from his mouth”

“Very passive about these things. Will let our little cairn dominate.”

“If you want something in his mouth, he may growl showing ownership but will drop it and let me get it.”

“My female would never bite anyone, but she wags her tail when she growls very loud at my male. She's done this since a pup. “

16) Does your veterinarian have to use a muzzle or other restraint when your dog is examined or treated? Yes (5) No (109)

“If there will be pain involved”

“puppy, yes”

“yes,after he turned 4”

“If the vet is having trouble drawing blood, I let them use a muzzle just as a precaution. I think this is a good safe guard for the vets just in case.”

17) Does your dog stare at you or others? (overly long eye contact)

Yes (18) No (91)

“Staring is a form of communication. He is telling me he wants something. Eye contact is also important in training.”

“to get treats”

“Attn not aggression”

“***** makes overly long eye contact with our other glen. There was a power struggle for alpha dog for a while. We think ***** won. She is difficult to groom as she is terrified beyond belief of water (No bad experiences we remember), and refuses to sit for any length of time.”

“Being male, he has been known to stare at other dogs for a long period of time. Took us awhile to understand that this behavior irritated the "staree".”

“You really need to alter question 17. A good obedience dog is trained to maintain eye contact with its handler. It is NOT a sign of underlying aggression or dominance. Please do not analyze it as such.”

“Stupid question - my dog looks lovingly into my eyes as long as I will let her.”

“Comments): * to number 17: This is restricted to other unneutered males.”

“I will always expect my dogs to give me their full attention when I want it, at this time they will always watch me. It has been commented that my dogs will stare or watch me all the time.”

**** can hold eye contact longer than any dog I've ever known. However, he is not overly dominant with either dogs or people”

18) Does your dog resist handling? (lifting, grooming, petting, hugging, rolling over onto back or side) Yes (18) No (95)

Comments:

“No However, he did not like being groomed and would eat the hair you pulled from his body”

“He really doesn't like to be rolled over on his back because when I do it, it is usually for some unpleasant grooming type things. Even with that, there's no problem handling him --- it is merely a preference of his. He rolls over regularly on his own volition for the “tummy rub” that a lot of terriers seem to enjoy.”

“She tolerates grooming. She is not a snuggler. While she always likes to sit/lay close enough to be touching, she does not like being on someones lap and resists being picked up and put on my lap. She resists "hugging". She loves to be petted and always sits on the floor next to my chair close enough to ensure that my arm reaches down to the floor to pet her. She especially loves belly rubs.”

“except for toenail dremmeling on front paws”

“the only time we have a problem with low growling is if someone tries to move him if he is soundly asleep.”

“They crave contact when out & about will sit on ur feet stay close trot at heels want to be with you, v amenable in comp to certain other breeds (have dog rescue home here)”

“If when she is lying down and you want to move her she will snap. She has to be bribed with a treat to move.”

“He will not allow you to stroke him with a foot. Welcomes all other affection.”

“only using the slicker brush doe sshe go nuts if it is near her face...she likes the stripper and any other handling she LOVES!”

“Sometimes he can get squirmy when I am trying to remove a tick, but it's not a big deal. He tolerates toenails being done (clipped and dremeled). He cried out when the vet was recently taking blood for heartworm test, but he did not show any sign of biting.”

“She only resists if I try to roll her over on her back.”

“The puppy is better than she was, but she gets restless during grooming and expects a treat.”

“Will stare down other animals, Does not liked to be picked up at all-does not like certain parts of body groomed-hates a hair dryer-which I never use”

“It can be a struggle to flip **** over on his back. Of course, he will roll over if a tummy rub/scratch is in the offing.”

“She sometimes pulls away from a hug as if she feels the situation is getting too intimate. She also dislikes grooming and tries to hide when se sees me approach with the equipment but she doesn't resist the actual procedures.”

“i am not sure if this has anything to do with it, number 18 that is, but i made absolutely certain he knew i was alpha when he was a puppy. i did this by wrestling with him and pinning him down. nothing painful or harsh. but he will occasioanlly appear to be testing his status with other people..”

“She is difficult to groom as she is terrified beyond belief of water (No bad experiences we remember), and refuses to sit for any length of time.”

“She does not like grooming and wiggles.....but that is the only real problem”

“does not like to be manipulated in any way”

“She likes the vet and how everyone makes over at his office. She LOVES hugs, kisses and petting, but most of all belly rubs!”

“She'll accept all forms of handling except being rolled onto her back. But on her own, she will get on her back and wiggle and roll until someone comes over to her. Then she uprights herself before the person arrives.”

“He doesn't like to be lifted and he doesn't like to be groomed, but he loves petting, hugging, and rolling over.”

““Sometimes””

“only his front legs which he does not like to have brushed”

“But sometimes when I groom him, he gets fed up after an hour or two, and tries to leave. But it isn't a problem to tell him to stay either.”

“He loves lifting, petting, hugging, rolling over, but he will resist some grooming it depends on his mood.”

“Not all the time.”

“***** does not seek out petting or sitting on one's lap, but is not resistant to it.”

“They take to friendly handling.”

“Sometimes. Does not like to be rolled over-tries to get away, but not bite.”

“although brushing is still a challenge. I use a pinch collar with aa 10" leash to remind him to be good”

“does not like to be restrained in any way”

19) Is your dog overly protective of a family member? Yes (12) No (101) Not Sure (1)

If yes, please explain:

“Not overly protective, but certainly looks out for us. If he thinks I am getting hurt while playing with my kids he will bark. Also, when I am swimming alone in the pool he follows me back and forth looking for me to come up.”

“If someone else is holding ***** leash on a walk, ***** will refuse to walk until I am next to him. I don't know if this is separation anxiety or being overly protective.”

“One bitch v protective of me & son & grandmother v quiet & submissive to us, but not happy about other male members of household giving orders, dismissive of one, aggressive to other this one does attempt to use force tho, i think glens including our rescued glens respond forcibly to force also anecdotal evidence from others re this”

“I don't know if 'protective' is the correct phrase here, I'd rather use the word'jealous'. That is, she doesn't like it when other dogs - esp. bitches -approach her master/mistress. Or when a friend is visiting our house with his/her dog, ours wants to be the first (and only) one to greet the people who enter during the other dog's visit.”

“We have no children and so ***** gets all of our attention. He likes children as long as they don't get close to us. He becomes very jealous and aggressive if they try to sit on our laps or want to play with us.”

“If other dogs visit us, he tends to be quite possessive towards our cat. No other dogs is allowed to hunt HIS cat!”

“No one get near me without the male challenging them. He will put himself between me and anyone else, including my wife.”

“Our previous Glen (another unsprayed bitch) was a much better watchdog than our current Glen -- quite possessive of the children and extremely devoted to guarding them at home and out & about, and also guarding our house fiercely from strangers. I attribute the characteristics to my children being younger kids with the first Glen (dog now deceased). Our new bitch is not much of a watchdog at all -- seldom barks at strangers and has less protective instinct with our kids (kids now ...older).”

“My husband once said. ****,it is a very good thing that you do not entertain gentleman callers.He would not even wear his leopard pj s because, **** might make a mistake.”

“If I enter a room and acknowledge another dog in the room, she will growl and go after the other dog...She's easy to restrain at this point”

“Whe someone is shouting or talking loud, he tends to jump on that person to make sure that they are not hurting me.”

“He doesn't like anyone to hug or kiss me--he jumps on them or me, but is not aggressive in a menacing way”

“My wife - always 'on guard' with strangers until she appreciates they are welcomed”

20) Have you ever been fearful of your dog, even if only once and for a moment?

Yes (19) No (95)

Comments:

“as I said, if we try to move him while he is asleep, he lets us know that he doesn't wish to move...”

“She has growled when I discipline her for being aggressive and barking at someone going by in the window on the street.

I try to reinforce my dominance with a very firm NO.”

“This was several years ago. He had a scary out-of-control look about him, and once I was scared for a moment. I had him treated homeopathically for what I believe to be rabies vaccinosis (he had 2 rabies shots), and never felt that fear again.”

“Even breaking up dog fight glen aggression never intentionally directed 2 me, if accidently bit breaking up row, dog in fault always apologetic without saying or resonding 2 bite.”

“The puppy is getting over this behavior, but she would bite my ankles and occasionally, my hands, when an outdoor play session ended and we were walking back to the house. Now when she does this, which is rarely, I correct her in a low tone of voice, saying something like, "This ISN'T happening today. Stop it!" And she does.”

“He can get very nasty if something doesn't go his way or if someone plays rough with him”

“Yes, once he growled at me when he was in his kennel/crate and I was trying to get him out.”

“around children. She does not like small ones. I am fearful of what she might do”

“his prey instinct did kick in once when i had him in the park. i thought we were pretty much the only people there. on one occasional, he clearly mistook a miniature chihuahua for a squirrel. the owner of the other dog was laughing and thought it was cute the way my dog was chasing him until i practically yelled for him to grab his dog. then i was able to get ***** leash. and a time before that, he saw a toddler and just started running in that direction. he was not charging, but he was also not responding. needless to say, he does not go off-leash in the park any longer.”

“I wouldn't reach into a crate and pull him out if he was growling at me. (He weighs 51 lbs. and he's not fat)”

“He just sometimes is unpredictable”

“I was babysitting for a 4 year old neighbor. She and ***** had been playing together with his toys. I went to fix her something to eat. When she walked toward me in the kitchen to get her sandwich he became very aggressive and growled and tried to bite her. He doesn't want any children to get between him and us.”

“She had a period when loose in the fenced yard when she would get very excited. She would run around very fast then bark and nip at my pants or legs. I wasn't fearful of great harm but I didn't want to get nipped. I recieved a few black and blue marks from the nips.”

“at one time when he was a year old he did go after my husband when he tried to move him off the bed. This was a one time happening and never has happened again.”

“When we had a newborn, I was afraid of his jumping on and hurting the baby. We never had any reason to worry, but were still careful. My five year old is afraid of the dog, because he jumps and is big enough to knock him over.”

“he is displayed incidents of play aggression. when he is playing he can become rough. its like he becomes possessed but then he can be redirected but you must be firm”

“If aroused by another dog I would not trust him to remember I am his human that he must not bite.”

“when he has decided to go after another dog.”

21) Would either of these phrases characterize your dog?

A) High Strung Yes (13) No (98) “?” (3)

B) Nervous Disposition Yes (12) No (97)

Comments:

“?” “I don't know the meaning of High Strung”

“his only nervous tendency is that will not stay in one place very long except when sleeping. This is a similar reaction as our WHT had.”

“You're talking about soft coated wheatens here not glens”

“While riding in car”

“She is very excitable when around new people and strains to obtain attention. For this reason, we are very careful to keep her from babies and small children.”

“She is wild. Our other Glen outgrew his puppy phase around 3 1/2. We figure we have another six months to go with her. She is always wanting to play with either us or our other Glen.”

“He is generally not nervous. Only during a thunderstorm - which is a new behavior for him, within the last year or so.”

“comments): She is never aggressive with people..she is very exuberant upon people coming to the house.she will get her bone and run around and is happy to be around people.

She is very territorial for her yard. A dog goes by and she goes ballistic.We have the Invisible Fence and she does respect it.

She barks at everything and everyone that goes by the house.”

“He is not a nervous or high strung dog, but has always had a "jumpiness" about him. If he is completely relaxed and you touch him in any way--just a gentle touch, a pat, etc. He twitches or jumps a bit. At about age 8 he began having a "shakiness" to his limbs. Only at times, and it settles down if you massage or push on the muscle that is shaking. Now that he is quite elderly, he shakes all the time, but still moves himself around quite well. We've always referred to this as "doggy Parkinson's disease."”

“This dog is fear aggressive with other dogs, and he has limited coping skills. He just does better at home... new situations are too stressful. I attribute this to his being (literally) raised in a barn... he was never even in a house until he came here (I discovered after we'd had him a year).”

“The puppy is very active and seems to bore easily. She barks when she's bored or wants something, which is very different than the two other Glens we've owned. They were mainly silent unless someone came to the door, or they wanted their food, or they spotted a squirrel outdoors. The puppy loves to run in the backyard, seems to have boundless energy.”

“My 2 year old bitch does not like to be in situations that are out of context to what she is used to.”

“***** is high strung around dogs. There are certain people he becomes highly vigilant around when we are out for a walk (and sometimes softly growls) but I can't establish a pattern.”

“she is anxious acting a lot. Paces sometimes. Nervous around strangers or people she does not know. She is friendly, but she acts suspicious too.”

“he is VERY laid back. total couch potato.”

“I think he is a worrier”

“my adult make is stressed at shows but otherwise is fine”

“but he is moody, he has his good moods most of the time, but when tired he just wants to be left alone.”

“Loud noises - fireworks, etc”

“We chose the Glen breed due to the terrier traits but the "calm indoors" nature. We absolutely love those characteristics and would not consider living with another breed of dog. Again, our dog does get nervous if she has raw meat -- she automatically seeks the privacy of her open kennel or wants to be alone on the screen porch to enjoy a marrow bone.”

“Terrified of thunderstorms and loud booming sounds. Shakes, pants, and hides.”

“A qualified no.....he's extremely nervous around November 5 (Bonfire Night) due to loud fireworks. He is also a little nervous of hailstones hitting the windows, and he is very scared of thunderstorms. But these aside, I wouldn't describe him as a nervous dog.”

“Trembles non-stop in the car, can go on for hours-(i.e. 10 hour trip to Specialty). Is fearful of stairs and won't go down without encouragement. Also trembles if someone seems to be angry or upset.”

“Reserved though but in the correct Glen way. Glens should be reserved.”

“Not really high strung but more "on" than my other Glens.”

“Her 'energy level' has always seemed greater than her dam's and grandsire's. Now, at 2 years old, it appears to be subsiding.”

“I would not call it nervous disposition but that Glen reservedness bordering on shy. Very submissive to other dogs, except pups.”

“Highly sensitive dog.”

22) Many dogs have a 'safe' place (under a bed, closet, crate etc.) that they retreat to in times of stress . . . are you comfortable with reaching in and hauling your dog out by its collar?

Yes (100) No (10) None (1) N/A (1)

"I wouldn't but **** tends to move keep relatively close and his favorite place tends to be within petting reach."

"... once he growled at me when he was in his kennel/crate and I was trying to get him out."

23) Does your dog challenge strangers with barks or growls? Yes (24) No (87)

Rarely/Sometimes (3)

"No. **** has been trained to bark when someone comes around the house or to the door."

24) Does your dog have to be restrained from running after joggers or bicyclists?

Yes (24) No (89) "At times" (1)

"Not anymore- yes when a pup until trained not to chase"

"no opportunity"

"She would if she weren't leashed"

“Dog is always restrained”

“In the above area(s) where I indicated we sometimes have to restrain him from "going after" bikers and/or joggers, let me be clear about something: it's a result of his being overly friendly and overly curious, NOT aggressive, that sparks him to pull toward other people we pass by on our walks.

While this is sometimes annoying (as not everyone is a "dog person" and some may misinterpret his friendly straining toward them as threatening), he has never exhibited any aggression toward other people or dogs -- on the contrary, he could be characterized as "overly friendly," if anything.”

25) Does your dog exhibit a desire to chase and hunt prey? Yes (87) No (24)
Sometimes/Minimally (2)

26) Is your dog aggressive towards all dogs? Yes (7) No (103)

“No same sex usually & those who attempt dominance”

27) Is your dog aggressive towards just some dogs? Yes (60) No (50)

Comments:

“yes, only when attacked”

“She tends to be aggressive mostly with other females. Strikes out at them without provocation that I can see.”

28) If your dog shows any type of dog aggression, are you able to control your dog?

Yes (85) No (3) "Very difficult" (1)

N/A (12)

Always (67)

Sometimes (18)

Never (1)

29) Please answer any that apply if you have difficulty controlling your dog:

A. Your dog pulls hard but you can drag him/her away

Yes (69) No (23)

B. Your dog is too strong for you, won't listen and is likely to get into a fight

Yes (2) No (91) Could happen (1)

C. Your dog often gets away from you

Yes (1) No (102)

D. Your dog will bite you if you try to interfere:

Yes (7) No (89) Not yet (1)

"No only accidental - dog always falls over if realising handler got bit"

E. Other

“I am very aware of the dog aggression issues with Glens and keep **** under close control via leash/electronic collar at all times. I do not let her socialize with other dogs until i determine the nature of the other dog. While **** does not initiate confluct, if another dog is aggressive towards her she will retaliate and the only way to get her off is to pull her off.”

“Not sure where this comment should be, so I'll put it here. My Glen has only growled at another dog on a couple of occassions. Each time it happended at the puppy park when another dog ran into her when she was not looking and it startled her. She got angry and stood up for herself. However, she never starts a fight or is aggressive with people of puppies. Only when she is pissed at a dog for frightening her!”

“Spent extra time training to avoid pulling on lead.”

“She deos not get away often. But, when she has run off thre have been times where I didn't think I was going to catch her. Once it took nearly 30 minutes and a few neighbors to grab her. She thinks it is a game. I don't think she realizes the danger involved in her running away.”

“It does take a lot of force 2 restrain a 50lb + male ... but females usually respond to a “ drop it” HAs had 4-5 territorial/dominance battles with neutered male brought into the house during first two years. Quite difficult to separate dogs during these events. Two involved vet treatment.

“If he sees a cat, skunk, raccoon, or other creature while leashed he'll pull hard in an effort to get at it - but we've always been able to pull him away.”

“**** is so easy with other dogs that, as a teacher, I joke that, if I were to write up his report card, I'd say, "misses social cues." Dogs can aggress towards M** by snarling and it doesn't phase him in the least. He keeps wagging his tail, and approaching the other dog. There is a pit bull mix on the street, however, that does not like **** and , when pushed to the limit, **** showed he was well able to take care of himself, if he needed to. (We now have the leash law imposed on our street, as a result. :)"

“On a rare occasion, he has responded to a growl or snap with one of his own. On one occasion he snapped at another intact male glen over a toy (not a glen he regularly sees).”

“flea allergy annoying - excellent with kids but tends to get over excited if off lead and lots of running kids..may jump play nip...growls and barks every morning at postman and will bark if someone approaches front door no matter how often I take control .she also tends to bark if i am sitting outdoors ina well defined group and someone appraoches the group. They are warning barks and in no way aggressive I am going to bite barks. Other dogs she is submissive if she is unsure and with a few friends she is exuberant and will play fight and run and roll for hours.”

“Very difficult to answer the above! If we are out walking, I have no problem managing him on leash and avoiding situations with other dogs. My fear that we will one day be rushed by an off-leash dog has led to my rarely walking him anymore... he has plenty of room in our yard.

OTOH, there were episodes of violent and mutual aggression with another dog in our household! This was managed only by keeping at least two sturdy doors between them at all times. They could not even SEE one another. I would not have been able to break up any fight between these two myself.”

“In an unfamiliar area, she would get territorial and bark at strangers who approached "our space". This was annoying, but never aggressive.”

“If a dog persisted in trying to get to **** for any reason and he wasn't agreeable he would snap and growl at the other dog. That would usually take care of the situation and the other dog would back off. In almost all situations, **** was not very interested in other dogs (male) but would always single out the females (neutered or not) to inspect. If they were not receptive he would back off unless the bitch was near, in or just past her 'heat'. Then I would have to restrain him. The only time this presented a problem was when he was about 2 to 3yrs and was in the park running with the other dogs and there was six month old puppy (lab) experiencing her first 'heat'. The owner was clueless and that left several of us trying to corral our 'males' and getting them on leash. A few skirmishes among the 'males' including ****. No injuries but close. My first awareness of the strength and fearlessness of the Glen. He was very unhappy with me but came ! under control easier than some.”

“The only dog that I would worry about would be the eldest who hates our eldest ... bitch.”

“He will not intentionally bite me-he did once but I got between him and the object he was after-as soon as he realized it was me he sat right down”

“Aggression at other bitches, unless she makes a mistake and thinks the dog is a bitch. If she sniffs first, likes males.”

“If another dog is aggressive and starts a fight, my dog will finish it. I have to pull her away from the other dog. This has happened twice, Once with 2 boxers that were off-leash in a public park. They attacked my dog and it took 3 of us to separate them. The second time was a fight over a toy with my mother's female alpha pug. I tried to play with both dogs with the same toy and the dogs got into a fight. They had to be pulled apart, but were OK after the toy was removed.”

“**** always snarls and gets very nasty when too close to another dog. However, he was seriously "mugged" as an adolescent and has not forgotten this.”

“has gotten away once and went after another larger dog. Almost killed that dog.”

“the one time he was in a fight and sent the other dog to the vet was when he was at doggie daycare. so i did not see the fight. but i was told he just focused and went for the kill. i hired a personal trainer right after that to work with him. and the people at day care say he has never done anything like that since. they will say, however, that there are some dogs he just does not like so they will not let the two be in the same area. and i have noticed when walking him that he does appear to like the appearance of some dogs over others, and will react differently towards them..”

“**** is aggressive only towards other female dogs. After she started a fight with our Border Collie we have found it wise to just keep her away from all other female dogs in our household.”

“****will always fight with ****...they are not allowed to see each other. These fights are very intense and it takes smart people handling to stop the fight. The injuries have never required a vet.....but always some blood. **** gets excited if he can see other unknown dogs and barks, but he is kept in a fenced yard and has not gotten into any fights. But he does bark and growl at dogs outside his yard.”

“**** is only "deadly" aggressive to the other intact male Glen in our household. They are not allowed to even see each other. **** ws somewhat aggressive towards the other breed intact male, but not to the same extent and can be easily controlled.”

“if he is already going after another dog, I could not interfere without the possibility of him biting me”

“My glen is lives in a house with one human and two cats. She plays tag with one of the cats and occasionally catches him. When she catches him she holds him down by putting a paw on his back then licks his fur the wrong way while the cat fusses. She then lets him up and he stomps off in a huff. In the yard she chases squirrels, chipmonks and neighborhood cats with great abandon but has never caught one--invisible fence.”

“She is still very young but we see no signs of this kind of behavior”

“This dog was a rescue. She has never shown any dog or human aggression since I've had her almost 5 years. Very strong prey drive towards cats.”

“**** has on a couple of occasions growled or snapped at another dog. It has always been when the other dog(s) have been insistant about mounting or pushing at her. As soon as she is removed from the situation she settles right down and is "over it".

There was one incident when another dog attacked her and she faught back to defend herself. As soon as I pulled the other dog away, **** stoped and was fine. This incident was over perceived food (the other dogs), **** and this dog have been able to be together without problems since then."

“The male will pull hard to get to another dog if that dog is a stranger or regularly barks at my dog. He is relaxed with small non threatening dogs. He sees big dogs as those he must challenge.”

“Previous Glen bitch (an alpha-type when around other bitches) did get into one sudden dogfight with a strange dog. Person breaking up fight was bitten (not sure by which dog) while breaking up brief (30 seconds) fight. At place where we frequently walk off-lead on a path, strange dog (African dingo-looking hound??) approached rapidly from tall grass area unexpectedly (I thought it was a coyote at first - scared me to death!!). My dog knew I was startled and immediately fought violently with the other aggressive dog (oddly, a male). Prior to that incident, my Glen bitch had only challenged other alpha bitches. I was able to leash my dog quickly while the other owner laid on his dog.”

“If another dog growls at her, she's instantly in a fight mode. She once latched on to a growling Chihuahas ear and it took two of us to get her to let go. Other dogs will eat from her food and water bowls and she just looks at them. A goody on the floor is a different story. She'll fight for that.”

“I stopped him in mid flite when Racoons got in the house.I had no idea that would work,but it was instant”

Comments:

“If **** is off collar, she almost always is on an electronic collar which has a tone only option. The collar has only ever been used for the recall command and she is very responsive to the tone. As she has gotten older, she is very responsive to the recall verbal command and i rarely even have to use the tone on the collar. However, the collar is to protect her from getting into a situation where she could harm herself so i always use it. I have seen her be aggressive with other dogs who have come at her first and with itty bitty dogs she probably views as varmits. She will chase a cat with no hesitation. She walks off lead (with electronic collar on)all the time in areas where there are other dogs and is required to heal until we pass the other dog and then she can "high-on.”

I have absolutely no doubt if she saw a cat off-leash she would be gone no matter what i told her and the only way to get her back would be to zap her. She went after an otter once and it took a zap to get her attention. The collar protects her from getting into trouble.”

“I was just too strong for him but the other family members couldn't handle him”

“I think that one of the reasons I chose a Glen was after reading personality traits on a website...so far I agree with everything but I have to say that my dog seems to have good road sense, is well bonded to me aND I would not expect her to run and chase anything if we are out -although she was off lead and disappeared after a rabbit she did come back after 10 mins.

training interesting...she learns fast but id SOOOO stubborn”

“**** "nailed" a pug two nights ago. I started to work with an animal behavioralist to try to eliminate some of this behavior. At his suggestion, I used a flexi leash with a snoot loop (like a halti but better)and applied pressure when **** started growling.

As soon as ---- was calm, I was suppose to relieve the pressure on the snoot loop. Well, **** calmed, I released the pressure and then without warning, **** attacked the pug. After doing the quick attack, he then immediately came back to me but I practically lost a finger using that flexi leash.”

“she has not bitten me, but I would not trust her enough to get in between her and another dog she does not like”

“***** aggression towards other intact males, is determined by the other dogs age, not his. He got along with both the other males until the other dogs hit some maturity....over 1 year.”

“He is dog aggressive with all other dogs except the one he lives with”

“None of the answers to question 29 apply to my Glen. My Glen is a pleasure, she doesn't pull (except to chase squirrels), she doesn't fight or run away and she has never (and had better never) bitten me or anyone else.”

“***** plays with many of the neighborhood dog--in her yard and their yards. The small dogs find **** too rambunctious. With the medium and large dogs she greets them with a play bow and bark. She likes to romp and try to dominate but backs off if the other dog objects. The only time I saw her with an aggressive dog was when a jittery pit bull enter the Vet's waiting room barely under control (and with no muzzle)with his 98 pound adolescent owner. **** gave him eye contact and he locked on to her. Fortunately the Vet came to get her for her appointment and she cooperated with the lead.”

“He is very strong. He’s an unneutered male. At shows with other dogs in heat, etc., it is hard to keep him from pulling me around, but not impossible.”

“***** will chase cats that are outside and not "her own". She will also chase after squirrels in the park (or a leaf or piece of paper if she is in hunting mode). She will

chase deer off our property, but just to the edge. I think she has strong herding (prey) drive and I am interested to attend a workshop to test this. She loves to be in with sheep or goats and seems to have a natural desire to "round them up".

"At 16 weeks of age, she was attacked by a Pharaoh Hound—literally getting a bloody nose. She has been wary of some dogs ever since and will occasionally show aggression preemptively. This stops with a corrective jerk of the lead"

"The dog described above had been in my possession from the age of 5 months, thru age 4 years. We had socialized her with other dogs all along, but she challenged all alpha bitches, but liked most male dogs. Our current bitch is more friendly."

"Yes, but he had a long record, and there was an APB out on him"

30) Has your dog ever been aggressive towards a human? Yes (23) No (91)

Growled or lunged at a human? Yes (27) No (81)

Please explain:

"Only when play fighting with me (his father) but we no longer continue that type of playing."

"only once, the first time we went to confirmation class and the instructor was going over his testicles. He turned around and growled. After a few practice sessions he was fine (I think he now enjoys it :)"

"he growls when he is playing or when he wants your attention. But not in a mean way."

“She at one time did not like my son-in-law and would growl ..then she got over it.”

“Nippy when a pup”

“Unaccompanied strangers not welcome & remebered. Neighbour left back a borrowed book once in our absence all glens displayed extreme aggression 2 person each time they met him.”

“There were a few, very few, instances before he was a year old when he tried the growling thing . . . didn't work for him then and he hasn't tried it since. He's gone over five years now without growling at a human.”

“When a pup, he would nip at fast moving feet and ankles. Like a prey response...he sees the fast motion and follows and bites.”

“As explained above, the puppy occasionally lunged at me, my husband and the other dog when playtime was over. This behavior happens rarely now.”

“He will not intentially bite me-he did once but I got between him and the object he was after-as soon as he realized it was me he sat right down. . . As stated before if anyone plays too rough with him (particularly my son)”

“Yes, once he growled at me when he was in his kennel/crate and I was trying to get him out.”

“If my son tries to take ****'s spot on the couch, **** will growl at ****. ***** growled at me once for the same thing as a puppy, but I just growled back and push him off the couch. He never growled again.”

“Occasionally would growl if stranger came to door”

“does not like small children. Growls at them and has lunged at them. Very scary. Tried socializing her around kids when she was younger and she did ok, but then got worse as she got older”

“***** growled once at a stranger who was lurking suspiciously in our neighborhood. She was approximately 1 year old at the time. She is now 10. I have not heard her growl at anyone/anything since.”

“He gets excited at the UPS man, lots of barking and jumping.....NO growling.”

“Does not like strangers. does not like visitors coming to the door.”

“Does not like for children to get between him and us. He however does not feel threatened at all by adults.”

“only the instance above => at one time when he was a year old he did go after my husband when he tried to move him off the bed. This was a one time happening and never has happened again.”

“She was protecting my daughter when I smacked her during playing.

She went for my arm but didn't bite.”

“He will attempt to lunge at children. He is silent when doing this. I suspect the smaller size attracts him. I believe he wants to play as he does with his sister, chasing and wrestling.”

“Current Glen growls if you approach her when she's ...eating. She has also growled on occasion when you attempt to remove her from the sofa or the waterbed when disturbed from a sleeping state (after she realizes she's just growled, she knows immediately that she is being shameful but continues the grumpiness at being bothered/moved).”

“I ... had the habit of leaving the front door open, and just telling people to come in. Well, one guy came in front door down from. **** went to investigate, that man never moved till help arrived. I did not even know I needed help”

“Intruder in garden when friends' children were playing. Had him cornered and would have attacked if I had not intervened”

“On a couple of occasions, when he has perceived a threat to my wife. Both times he lunged and snapped at someone attempting to snatch my wife's bag. He was successful in scaring off the attacker.”

“as noted earlier when he was puppy he bit me when he was playing”

“in the car if he wants to go for a run and he thinks you are taking him out. He will growl but is just talking. If he growls, I tell get in back and he goes or I tell him to be quiet. It is more a talking growl than a warning growl. He may also growl if I pull his hair too hard when grooming but again it is more communication (he loves grooming and if I finish one dog and leave the room, when I return sometimes he is on the grooming table waiting for me. I think there definitely a difference between his growls and growls of human aggressive dogs.”

“growled at a child. He has acted aggressive. Has never acted on it, but I have never given him the chance either. this was when he was younger. he is now seemingly OK with kids, but I still would not trust him entirely. I never leave him alone with children”

31) Has your dog ever bitten a human? Yes (27) No (81)

If Yes, was the bite in the process of a dog fight? Yes (12) No (16)

Please explain:

“He has bitten me when I have had to break up a "food fight". He instantly knew he was wrong and began licking me. I completely trust him with my three kids.”

“She started a fight with our male and my husband tried to separate them and his hand was in the way.”

“I did get bitten by this dog once breaking up a dog fight between two wanna-be alpha bitches. Not her fault.”

“Me. got a clip or two breaking up row, dog not intending this put my hand in way trying to grab collar, learned to grab tail first & lift hind legs off ground b4 grabbing collar, less likelihood of being bit by 1 dog not other tho !!!”

“I answered no to this. However, in his six years he has been in only one serious dog fight, the other dogs owner sustained a bite while we were breaking them apart but we don't know which dog did the biting.”

“Once, when someone tried to separate them, not knowing how to do it.”

“he gets very excited sometimes - like when i pick him up at daycare, or when a friend comes over - and his mouth is simply open and his head is excitedly moving about and if you come in contact with his mouth, it snaps shut. and it can break the skin. when i am at home, i simply shove a chewy-bone in his mouth and this does the trick...”

“I think **** bit the owner of another Glen during a dog fight intervention; or it may have been a scratch. 3 fighting animals and the man were on the ground tugging and pulling.”

“I was bitten while breaking up the fight between **** and the other dog.....my fault.”

“Actually not sure if **** was the one who did the biting, but it was dumb owner, not a bite directed at the person attempting to stop the fight.”

“Owner stupidity.....not that the dog was trying to bite the person trying to break up a fight.”

“Tried to separate dogs when fighting. Two people were bitten in process”

“Never got the whole story. I believe that she leaped at a dog in someone's arms.”

“The other dog was on the other side of the door. When the door opened the person in the door stuck her leg out to separate the dogs. Bad idea, she was bitten by my dog in his frenzy to get to the other dog.”

“He bruised a few..warning.warning”

If Yes and *not* in the process of a fight, please explain circumstances:

“**** would bark, growl, bare his teeth at strangers if he was somehow restrained/prevented from getting to that person. If a stranger was in the house and he was outside he would bare his teeth, bark through the glass door. On one occasion we had a friend visiting and **** seemed to be fine. He stayed away from the visitor and

stayed by me. The male visitor was talking to the children, not touching them, just talking and **** lunged at him and jumped up and nipped his bicep (the man was 6 feet, **** really jumped). The nip was hard enough that there was an immediate bruise but not enough to brake the skin. When we would go to the vet, **** would pull on his leash and bare his teeth and bark at the vet. I had to then muzzle him. I did bring him to a behavior modification specialist after the bite but he said that we needed to socialize **** more. However he recommended I have **** on a leash and have company come in and give him his favorite treat for the positive reinforcement when company came. The problem was any time **** was restrained, i.e in his crate or on a leash, he seemed to be more aggressive towards strangers, baring his teeth and barking and growling. The deciding factor for us was when I dropped an apple on the floor and **** took it . I went to get it from him and he turned around and growled at me. We had three small children when we got ****. I was never concerned for their safety with the dog until that day. He was getting more aggressive and we could not take the chance he would bite someone.

I really feel as if we did the best we could with ****. I brought **** to training classes, he was very smart dog and trained easily. He never was interested in the other dogs or aggressive toward them. He always had the peeing problem. When ever my husband came home from work, he would pee all over the floor and his shoes. The same with my father, whom he loved, when ever he came over **** would pee all over him. I spoke with the breeder about this issue and she told me to have **** greet my husband outside where he couldn't make a mess.

In defense of ****, we did move from ***** to **** when he was eighteen months old. Maybe the stress of the move and the new environment was too much for him.”

“At 10 months, **** was led into a room full of strange people, one of which reach over him to pet him. It startled **** and he bit his hand. He also nipped at my mother, who was teasing him by rubbing my feet, knowing that it upsets him. My feeling is that she instigated it and brought it on herself. I try very hard not to incite aggressive behavior, ie. no tug of war or rough housing. He will growl and lunge at children especially if they are running or making alot of noise.”

“Altogether we received five or six bites and nips from ****. In the first instance he would lunge at us. Many times. Staring then flying at our face. That was where he learned that he could make us flinch. Three times he bit **** in the oddest sort of situations, not where he was being reprimanded but after careful study – once it was as if he was demanding attention. If he was in disgrace and crated for growling or other bad behaviour (and especially during the Boot Camp period when he went to crate for all misdemeanours) he would crash and lunge around in the crate if anyone were to approach it, starting to growl when he heard the door to the room open.

The final attack – the one after which we decided to have **** put down – occurred as we were sitting down to a Sunday Dinner. **** was 10 months old. He jumped up on a chair as we were preparing to sit down and snarled at **** when **** tried to remove him from the chair. As **** reached for **** **** bit **** in the left arm which punctured the skin in the crook of the arm causing instantaneous bruising and bleeding.

The final incident was one where he realized he could control two adults by fending off one and then going in to attack the other. Divide and Rule. If he hadn't cut his eyes to see what **** was doing with the chair it is doubtful whether he would have given up his grip on ****. By the way he was never fed tidbits from our table and the Labrador wasn't even in the room which, if you know any Labradors, would mean that there was food about. **** went immediately to his crate when told to do so as if he was the most compliant Glen ever born.

In 'Boot Camp', which was tasked us by **** Dog Park and where we gave the board a daily diary, **** actually spent about 18 hours a day in his crate. It could be said that the longer he spent in his crate the more he liked it.”

“We adopted **** from **** ****. We had him for almost three years, during which time we worked with him constantly.. He had months of obedience training (3 sets of 10 week classes), a dog shrink, medication, but, in the end, had to be put down because of people aggression. (His sire was **** at **** and Dam was **** of ****.) We didn't think it was 'rage syndrome's -- it was always unprovoked and usually came out of nowhere. We don't know much about his early years but do know that most of the time was spent being shown to his championship, and, at home, in a kennel, outside or in the basement of the owner's house.

I answered the questions; he was overly attached to me and I could quite literally do anything with him, interrupt his eating, brush, reach in his crate, etc..When we first got him, he bit my husband who bent down to pet him My husband worked with him constantly until we think there was finally a trust between them. ****, though, always seemed anxious and 'on guard' against the world, a 'chip on his shoulder',and he never seemed to forget an affront! Once, while on a walk in the woods, a pheasant flew out of nowhere and brushed past ****. From then on, whenever we passed that spot, he would stop and 'glare' at the area where the pheasant had flown from. He had no prey drive, interestingly. I think that was due to the fact that he never really was outside in his early years.

When I would leave the house, he would, if not crated, pace frantically and pee. When crated he would move the crate he'd become so anxious. Over time, he became trusting of our my husband and me, but would be totally unpredictable with others. He was also very dog aggressive. His usual attacks would be out of the blue, silent, unprovoked. He would lunge at walkers, joggers, and the last straw was when a neighbor was in our house. **** was on one side of the room, sitting. My husband and the neighbor had been standing on the other side of the room talking. Out of the blue, **** ran across the room and bite the neighbor. He had bitten our cleaning lady as she walked by-- sort of a lunge, and a 'nip', and several others.”

“attacked father in law from behind biting his leg and breaking skin

Attacked me personally and I had to use a mop handle to get him off

Both attacks were completely unprovoked

The dog was put down after the second incident”

“***** was at **** **** to be bred with ****. (**** was a result of this (breeding). The cats had been secured in a barn, but a young one managed to get out and when it crossed the sight-line of **** he went for it and clamped down very hard. **** tried to get **** to release it. He would not and in the process he bit thru the nail of ****'s thumb. She still has the scar, but says sit was all worth it--She got ****.”

“As explained above, the puppy occasionally lunged at me, my husband and the other dog when playtime was over. This behavior happens rarely now.”

“He was attacking the vacuem...”

“At a glen gathering, an owner came over to look at S----- and her dog was off leash. **** bit her in the knee by accident when her dog got too close.”

“broke the skin on the arm of a child - a relative who was visiting. Growled too.”

“Did not like a visitor who tried to be friendly with him. Bit on the arm. We were able to pull him away, but it was a very bad scene.”

“She had a period when if loose in the fenced yard when she would get very excited. She would run around very fast then bark and nip at my pants or legs. I wasn't fearful of great harm but I didn't want to get nipped. I recieved a few black and blue marks from the nips.”

“at one time when he was a year old he did go after my husband when he tried to move him off the bed. This was a one time happening and never has happened again.”

“Our current Glen bitch LOVES to bite only when she is playing. She is very mouthy and snappy when she is excited, and needs constant supervision and reprimand not to bite. “

“All to do with me.The gardener hands in the bill to my hand.That was a no.no.Nobody was to touch.Put the bill on the counter,PAL.”

“On a couple of occasions, when he has perceived a threat to my wife. Both times he lunged and snapped at someone attempting to snatch my wifes bag. He was successful in scaring off the attacker.”

32) If your dog has shown any aggressive behaviors, at what age did those emerge?

Aggression with other animals: 4 months – (2), 6 months (6), 1 year - (9), 1 ½ years – (5), 2 years - (11), 2 ½ years – (2), 3 years - (6), 4 years - (6), 4 years (2), N/A (43)
Unknown (2)

Comments:

“He tends not to display aggression toward other dogs or humans. There is an exception in this rule to dogs. He will, and has since 2 – 2 ½ displayed aggression toward other dogs that have been aggressive toward him in the past. **** is very responsive to dominance challenges by other dogs and tends not to forget.”

“not yet”

“un neutered males”

Aggression with people: 6 (1), 10 (1) months, 3 years (4), 4 years (1), “puppy” “I would not say it was aggression” “6- 7 months only”, Don’t remember/ Don’t know (1)

33) Have you done any type of training with your Glen? Yes (96) No (13)

If yes, please note types of training:

Obedience: (83)

Agility: (14)

Tracking: (1)

Handling: (45)

Other: Earth Dog Training (3), Canine Good Citizen Training (5), Hunting (1)

“Puppy kindergarden

He also we to doggy day care from 6-9 months for socialization”

“He has only had Puppy Kindergarten at Petsmart, however he begins serious training on 02/15/2006 at the **** School in **** **** *. The reason for this is he is overly friendly to people and other dogs and makes a pest of himself and he has to learn to walk without pulling.”

“For quite awhile I tried to de-sensitize him by working him near (but not in) doggie training classes... and he did show improvement, to the point that we could walk in the neighborhood without causing a ruckus. But I finally decided to just leave him at home, where he is happiest.”

“I think that agility would greatly help my younger dog. I am also planning to enroll her in handling classes this summer.”

“individual obedience as well as class obedience”

“Junior handling”

“Puppy training school”

“Lots of behavioral training”

“behaviorist. Helped a little bit.”

“Some obedience training was done after she attacked my other glen over a dog biscuit. She is generally very well behaved, but does tend to jump on visitors. She is improving in that area as well”

“The training was an attempt on our part to settle problems between ***** and our other glen. She is generally a well behaved dog.”

“***** has been shown with no problems at all...well she was young and insisted on rolling over to let the judge pat her tummy!”

“behavior consultant. Clicker training a little.”

“Puppy kindergarten”

“***** hunts rats at our home. To do this we must be able to handle her and give her direction during the "hunt". She knows we are there to support her and works with us as a team. She hunts in and around the chickens at the coup and completely ignores the birds. She has also worked with other dogs in the same mannor, sometimes killing the same rat with another dog, again as a team.”

“Clicker training”

“He is a new addition to our family and I plan on attending classes with him starting in the summer.”

“Grooming: he was trained to lie on the grooming table to be groomed at 16 weeks.”

“Trained to lie on her side for grooming on the table at 16 weeks.”

“Same grooming regimen as the others--to lie on the table at 16 weeks.”

Any other Comments you care to make regarding your Glen:

“The Glen list has been an excellent resource for me regarding Glen behaviour. Having the knowledge and anticipating behaviour before it happens has make it possible for me to prevent **** from showing any of those behaviours...hope that made sense.

“He is a foundling from **** ****. He is a wonderful family member. My only problems are that he is macho with my girl beagle when food is being presented. I have to monitor him until she has been fed.

His tail was never docked and I sense that was neutered by the rescue group I got him from at an adult age.

He is a fantastic dog. But I do understand that Glens are not for everybody. You have to be willing to put the time in and to treat them well”

I do think how they are raised makes a difference. **** is wonderful. She is a rough player and i don't let her play with kids. I hold her very close on leash when kids want to pet her as she will want to play with them. I don't have kids so she has not been raised around them.”

“Dog obtained when @ 4 years old. Not warned of agreesiveness toward other dogs and not noted with towards my bitch. Have since observed on walks that dog will try to attack other dogs so caution is taken to always keep on lead and away from other animals.

No problem at all with people - a really gentle, hungry for attention, dog.”

“This is our first Glen and we love him. We had an aggressive (dog and People) ... years ago so it was extremely important to us that this dog have a sound temperament. He shows no fear but has never started a fight with other dogs.

We did spend a great deal of effort on socializing him with dogs, people and kids.”

“my Glen is one of the best dogs I've ever had. True he is a Terrier, and as one, we never trust him off lead. Also, in regard to aggression, when he was 2 and staying with a dog sitter at her house, one of the other dogs took away his favorite toys. He did fight for it back. Got it back and never forgot that he didn't like this particular dog for the rest of his life! As a result, everytime the two dogs happened to be at the dog sitter's house, the two dogs had to be separated.. This only applied to this one particular dog, other than that he got along with all the other dogs in the house, no problems. Also, my dog thinks he is one of the kids, he always plants himself in between my grandkids, and watches cartoons and other kids tv programs. all the time wagging his tail like crazy!!!”

“The only time my dog was aggressive was with his father after his father started the fight and my dog would not back down. He was 10 mos. old at this time. Up until this point in time he and his father played well together. At 13 mos. he still plays well with his sisters.”

“V sensitive, want approval all of them love attention, not gregarious, exercised & handled in pairs, all temperaments change when in season or if male bitch in season around. a glen fight is not to be treated lightly must not be allowed to happen - too strong too much damage, we muzzle dogs around other potential incitors to riot, glens don't take flak from other dogs if they look like they want to start something the glen will agree & give it to them”

“Determined to point of stubbornness. Very prey aggressive and always hungry”

“She is a very sweet and loving dog. She usually wants to please, but she does have a little devil inside her that comes out every now and then. She loves to torment my children by running off with their toys. Again, it is a game to her. She never ruins the toys - just wants to play.”

“He is mild mannered and gets excited greet people and then usually goes and lays down and enjoys his quiet time. He plays with our second Glen when he is in the mood to. As he gets older, I notice his personality changing. He is more afraid of noises. For a few years we lovingly referred to him as the lump because he didn't want to play too much. Within the last year I have noticed him acting more like a puppy again. He is still happiest when laying next to me having his belly rubbed.”

“He is such a very well mannerd dog..very laid back personalityand just very lovable.”

“She is such a good dog AT TIMES.Very intelligent..understands almost everything that we say and we have to spell in front of her.She has so many adorable traits.BUT her excessive barking is a nuisance.My husband does not want to try a barking collar as it may really change her personality. At our age (early 60's) she is really a handful.”

“He is perhaps the best dog I've ever had, even with being headstrong, stubborn, and lacking in any sort of retrieving instinct. He is a supremely confident dog, so much so that it is a small area of concern for us when we meet other dogs while on a walk. When he meets other dogs he assumes a stance (like self stacking in the show ring) tail upright and rigid eyes fixed and focused on the other dog. We've seen other dogs approach, tail wagging, then under his withering gaze slowly stop wagging their tail and roll over in a submissive posture. Consequently we are concerned about free running dogs approaching him while he is leashed, we put ourselves between him and unleashed dogs whenever possible. After all as leaders of the pack it is our job to protect him not his job to protect himself.”

“***** has always been very friendly toward people, and has never shown any aversion to anyone, even his vet. His biggest problem with people is jumping up to greet them and getting paw prints on clothes. Once he has greeted a person, he is usually pretty calm and doesn't jump up.

His behavior toward other dogs has generally been friendly - he treats each new acquaintance as a potential playmate. He does sometimes get involved in growling with other dogs, rarely more than a show. The majority of the growling is more of the nature of normal canine challenges than real aggression. It's not always possible to be sure which dog started an incident, but it's very often the other dog, and **** will step back even if he returns the growl. In most cases his tail never stops wagging.

He has gotten into a couple of semi-serious fights with his best buddy, a Yellow Lab, when their leashes got tangled and neither could back away - we separated them quickly with minimal damage, and are now very careful about tangling leads.

I consider it axiomatic that **** rarely goes anywhere except on a lead, but control of aggression is only a small part of the reason - preventing him from jumping on people is the main reason, along with keeping him out of traffic, and indulging his curiosity. He is generally better behaved when off lead, but considering his size and strength, I find that it is a better policy to keep him on lead.

I often think we overemphasize Glen behavior problems, but (again) given their size and strength, we have little choice than to be constantly aware of the surroundings and ready to deal instantly with situations that might arise. I have had a lot more problems with a friend's Maltese than I have had with ****."

"Bad Breeder!

Never any help. gave lousy advice and just didn't care

**** **** should never be allowed to breed again

She is worse than a back yard breeder

She had the knowledge just not the scruples"

"Dog aggressive on the street, at the bus stop, etc. Welcomes other dogs when they come in the house. Enjoys play with others. When he got over age ten, he would become

anxious at dog park rather than aggressive. Whined until he had to be put in the car or taken home.”

“I have owned 5 Glens (each for a significant amount of time), and this is the ONLY ONE that I can take anywhere and not worry about what is going on on the other end of the leash! She gets along with ALL people, including children, and she gets along with almost all dogs (she isn't too fond of Border Collies). If she does have an issue with a dog (say, one coming on too strong while she is coming into season) she is very controllable. She may not be a typical Glen, but she has a WONDERFUL temperament!!!!”

“I think this dog speaks volumes about the importance of early socialization, and about the commitment we make when we get a dog. I basically can't do much with him... certainly not Agility, or even just hiking in the woods. Nor can I place him in a home where he would not be understood, and could be dangerous if mis-treated. So we just keep him here and love him for his quirky self.”

“Note that this Glen is now deceased. She was a perfect example of the breed temperament... she never started anything, but she would not back down if someone else did. Her issues with other dogs were all within our own pack. Outside the home, she had "the look" and presence that told other dogs to leave her alone...and they did. I was aware that there might be some foolhardy dog who would blunder where he shouldn't, so I was always alert when we were out.”

“I think that my younger dog's behavior may be attributable in some part to puppyhood. But she is definitely more aggressive (better word, exuberant?) than the other two that we've owned. We have to keep correcting her a good deal of the time. But she also is becoming a more loving dog as time goes on, and she gets to know us more. It is amazing how different all three temperaments are. The first glen was at first standoffish with us, then became very friendly and attention-seeking, especially with strangers and friends. She was extremely laid-back. The second was more feisty and wary of strangers and definitely let the older dog take the spotlight. The third, the puppy, makes her wants known and was almost defiant in obeying commands. She is improving a great deal with time.”

“My dog was found at a Humane Society shelter. He was 2 to 3 years of age, at the time. The tag on the kennel said previous owners could no longer care for him.

He has been an utterly delightful and cooperative companion, for me, and playmate, for preschool aged grandchildren.”

“My Glen is extremely powerful as I assume all Glens are, he is also extremely intelligent. I have found that the gentler and softer spoken you are with him the better he responds. He takes shouting and physical handling as a challenge and will let you know he is in charge. My groomer still has a rough time with him because she has not adjusted to this. If he is treated calmly he is a big mush (but don't ever tell him)”

“Dog aggression is our only problem currently. The other great burden was house-breaking which was not perfect until almost 21 months. Otherwise, she is the most affectionate terrier I have known.”

“In general, people need to understand that Glens have been bred to kill, that they are highly intelligent and therefore, prone to have behavioral problems because they are sensitive, curious and can be fearful (mine anyway). I personally do not think this is a dog for the city because I regret not having a larger backyard for ****to play in. I also regret having exposed **** to a dog park where he had several very bad experiences that resulted in him really being not well socialized around other dogs. I also think it does a dis-service to tell people with better socialization, obedience classes, etc. (blame the owner....), proper exposure you can avoid or fix the problem. You just hope for the best. I am also going to try a human anti-anxiety drug for **** that is also suppose to help with the urination problem. Still working with the behaviorist and the vet on this one.”

“These dogs are not the dog for every person who wants one. I can only hope that the word gets out that they can be a handful and even a danger. They are so sweet and yet, I never can trust either one of mine totally.”

“he is an incredible companion dog. completely dedicated to his owner. and he loves nothing more than to just hang out with his owner. but i think people will get into trouble down the road if they read about what great companions they are, and not also be told that they are deceptively strong, can be strong willed, and require a pretty good amount of training.”

“This survey is for ****, **** of ****, who is deceased. He died of Cancer in the lungs, esophagus and pluera on ... just past his 8th birthday.”

“Living in this city has caused us to be extra cautious where ****'s ineration with other dogs is concerned. We have six dogs on the street at the front of our house (all behind gates or walls) At the other entrance, which we used most of the time, we have a Rottweiler on each side of us behind gates (security dogs as they are referred to down here)a Dachshund that is quite often let out unattended on the street, a poodle, that is always on a leash as 'it' is very aggressive toward humans and other dogs, a local mixed breed female about 8 months old that **** would love to play with but he can't catch her and all she wants is to have him chase her, and two smooth hair Chihuahua's. On top of that there are three dogs that live in the neighborhood that run loose. One looks like a hound dog of some kind, has a collar and wants nothing to do with anyone, another looks like an Irish Red and White, no collar, and just barks at you and runs back up the hil!

I when you are approaching. The third is much more of a problem. SHE is an unneutered bitch, no collar, lives at a condominium complex and is taken care of by the people that work there. She does not belong to anyone that lives in the building. She is friendly and tries to play with **** but again she lets him get just so close and then runs expecting him to chase her. **** is on leash and cannot of course. One incident that is maybe of note to this survey, happened when she was in heat and **** went out with me about midnight to put out the trash. I did not have the leash with me altho his collar was on. I opened the door and there she was and off **** went chasing her. **** did not respond to any command and they went back forth up and down the street. Got the leash and tried to corner him to put the leash on but he evaded me each time. She finnally headed up the hill to the building that she lived in, with **** in hot pursuit and me in a 'not so 'hot' pursuit. !

She went dthrough the large gates at the complex which **** would not

fit through. I approached him and grabbed him by the collar and he turned and snapped at me. He finally found a place where he could get his head through and I then reached down and hooked the leash and pulled him toward me. He jumped at me (I hesitate to use the term lunge here) and I pushed him away and then he started jumping up and down and biting at the leash. I was definitely not in control at this point. I shortened up on the leash and pulled him closer to me and was facing him side ways with my right leg toward him and he snapped at me and his 'eye'? tooth caught me on the leg and broke the skin. Well the minute he did that he dropped to the ground in a very submissive position and I in a very loud voice and with my hand on his muzzle kept shouting NO! I kept this going for at least 3 or 4 minutes until he was whimpering. I let go and he immediately was trying to lick me and was jumping up (in a very friendly way). It was very apparent to me that he knew immediately he had done something wrong and at this point I was very

definitely in control. We went home, **** was put into the guest room with one of his water beds and water and was kept there for four hours. About 5 in the AM I woke up and let him out and made him go outside (collar on, no leash)and he pee'ed and I told him to come back in and he did and reluctantly went back into the guest room and was there for another 4 hours.

I'm apologize for being so long winded, but felt that this might give some insight to behavior, particularly where an intact male comes into contact with a bitch in heat is concerned.”

“Our female is just 8 months old, so she is still the very docile, loving glen, I will wait to see when she is 2yrs old to decide on her personality. Our male glen was far more aggressive when he was her age so I am thinking we have a very nice mellow female glen.”

“***** is a very sweet 36 lb dog - friendly, sociable, playful with people (big or small), other dogs, even a cat at doggie day care. She seems quite clever at tricking her male companion out of treats, rewards and personal property”.

“I am ever vigilant with the dog(s); I assume they could be aggressive and get away from me somehow. Owning a Glen is a BIG responsibility.

They do go to a 'doggie daycare' socialization for a day at least once a week; this has been successful. (*****'s companion Glen has adopted a cat there who thinks he is a dog). go figure...”

“She's a sweetheart who is quite stubborn at times. She knows what she wants and knows how to manipulate people and our other glen to get it.”

“He is a difficult dog to have. I am always worried about whether he may bite. he is very hard to have on a walk due to other dogs and his aggression. I love him, but I dont think many people could control him. I am very careful with him. Obedience training only worked up to a point . It never helped with his dog aggression. I have tried everything, even consultants regarding his behavior.”

“My Glen is a complete pleasure and loved by everyone. A friend of mine surprised her with a gift squeaky toy (frog) just this week. She said she was shopping and thought of my Glen when she saw it.

My parents and my neighbors adore her and pet and hug her all the time, needless to say my Glen loves them back.

The vet techs and vet all make over her like crazy. My girl likes going to the vet because of all the attention she gets there....and the cookie.

When I have her with me at the park, at the homes of friends or family or anywhere else for that matter, she is completely charming and is always the center of attention.”

“At age 3 **** began to bark at the doorbell on tv and whine to get out to get a cookie from the mailman. She also became restless when the snowplow and garbage truck were in the neighborhood.”

“as of right now he is a happy enthusiastic dog.he enjoys life and plays well with others.He will chase the cat or chickens but will be called off and responds to my command.I hope to curb his enthusiasim a bit without curbing his joy...we hope to continue training with more OB or agility...”

“This is my first Glen and I can't imagine my home not having a Glen in residence. However after saying this I think Glens are not for everybody. They are very strong and mine is very stubborn. They are alpha dogs for sure and it takes a lot of time and patience to train them that you are the one in charge.”

“His "sire" was recently put down due to dog and human aggression. I hear, but do not have first hand knowledge, that his two brothers have behavior problems. My boy has exactly the personality I would have expected from a Glen, playful, affectionate, lazy,

aggressive only when it's a dominance thing and then easily calmed down. He was raised in a loving, friendly atmosphere since puppyhood with lots of people, dog and cat contact and I suspect that has a lot to do with his behavior.”

“I love her. She is the happiest, most optimistic animal I have ever known. She is a people magnet - people stop constantly to admire and interact with her. But she is not an easy dog. I must be very assertive. There are weekly discussions about who is the alpha bitch in my house and I believe that for the breed she is very submissive- she definitely wasn't the dominant puppy in her litter.

She also is a challenge to keep clean and to groom. She is a very messy girl and I have had to make some adjustment in my standards.”

“**** is still young and she rolls over for belly rubs every time she meets a new dog or person on our walks”

“firm + kind + consistent are very important”

“A Glen isn't a quite lap dog, and shouldn't be treated as such. It's a working dog, who needs a firm upbringing, and they need to know who's boss.

I feel the absence of problems towards our Glen, have something to do with my previous life with working dogs.

He would have loved to be the boss if I had let him be.

But aggressive towards people,- I think I can state a clear NO to that. I don't think he have it in him :-)”

“Since we have gotten a female companion for him - He has not shown very much aggression at all. He has calmed and mellowed - he is like a different dog. He lets me strip him now, he listens very well, and he even corrects the pup when she does something wrong. Maybe they need to have the company of other Glens. He still is very dominant when it comes to certain male dogs, not all male dogs, he can pick up a scent he

doesn't like and then we have a hard time trying to break his eye contact with the other dog. He actually, will bend his head over backwards just to catch the eye of the dog he doesn't like.”

“She has only shown aggression towards other dogs since we had our other glen. She has no pattern to her aggression - she will play with some dogs but will bark/snap at others.”

“I think early and consistent training is essential with any dog, but especially with a breed that has the potential to be dog aggressive. I realize not everyone has the time and energy to do the extensive work that I am doing with *****, but all dogs can be made to feel they have a job. One needs to find a job that works for them and their dog and teach it. I do feel that genetics plays a role in temperament and ***** does come from lines of solid outgoing dogs. She was socialized often and early. But I pay attention to her body language and I am aware that as she matures she could change in her attitude with other dogs. I doubt she will change with people and if she did I would look for a physical problem first. It has been my experience that people aggressive dogs show some sign early on rather than later on.

I understand that ***** may not be the "norm" as many Glens can be more aggressive. Her dam who is usually a little snappy around most other dogs is totally passive around *****. However, I don't want to give the impression that ***** is submissive, I would describe her more as confident and secure.”

“Glens are discriminating dogs. They recognize individuals and react well to attention. They do not like being ignored. They are very inquisitive and outgoing. The male walks with a swagger and a bit of a chip on his shoulder.

The male sees the neighborhood as his domain. A walk turns out to be a patrol to check his subjects. He's kind to well-mannered and small dogs. He's half-cocked in the presence of strange dogs. He has to be restrained when he meets dogs he deems unruly. He is never let off-leash as he will challenge any rumbling machinery smaller than the town trash collection truck. He sees energetic kids as potential wrestling mates. He seeks attention from adults. He senses the frailty in old people and restrains himself accordingly.

The female is disposed to pull her brother's leash to lead him away from confrontation. In spite of the strength and size difference, she plays his rough and tumble games.

One very important experience has to do with collars. The dogs use their collars to leverage against each other when playing. Glens have a rough and tumble way of play. One time the male got his lower jaw hooked under his sister's collar and she then flipped over locking the grip and tightening it around her neck. Had I not been there to untangle them, she would have choked to death. I no longer let them wear collars unless they are on a leash and a walk.”

“I would not consider this breed appropriate for families with small children. Glens do treat very young children as play targets, nipping at anyone indiscriminately when roughhousing just like they would with a littermate. My first Glen also chipped my shin bone and deadened a nerve for about 6-months when I flinched one time when being railroaded at playtime.

I would also like to note that Glens in my experience over the past 5 years are much more obsessed with food than other breeds.

Their indoor nature is MUCH more laid back than other breeds of dog. They are very strong dogs, but require much physical affection & play time. I feel they want to be integral family members of the highest importance. They are very stubborn and strong-willed dogs; not for the weak of spirit, strength or discipline. They require very little, but will DEMAND what they DO want until they get it. I am pretty sure a Glen would easily become problematic for any meek-minded person or family. Glen owners seem to be highly confident and well-disciplined individuals. I strongly believe that Glens are not appropriate for young children and people who lack good self-defense skills, dog training ability or personal strong will.”

“Very hard to say it all in an Email. He was a very sweet wonderful dog. I am older, and I have a cast of thousands, other breeds. He was a Prince Charming and still a WARRIOR. He just recently died in battle, with a twelve foot Alligator, thereby saving his sister, to say nothing of me. There was nothing that could be done. He died a true Warrior, he must have been thinking, never saw one of these around Limerick.”

“Love her dearly. Love the independence of spirit. Would now never have another breed. Not an ideal pet for most people, though.”

“He is a sweet pacifist. The opposite in many ways from his brother”

“This dog is a funny combination of submissiveness and a bit of fearfulness. He has a sweet loving temperament for the most part. He wants nothing more than human company and is happiest when all the family is in the same place with him. He greets strangers with much enthusiasm, and wants to play with other dogs. If they don't want to play he doesn't seem to understand. If my cairn growls at him when she doesn't want to play it he thinks it's a big joke and runs around in circles, trying to get her to play.”

“This glen has the temperament of what a Glen should be”

“This is a female who is aggressive with other females which can be par for the course with this breed. With humans, extremely sweet.”

“they are very very tough, stubborn dogs, who are also very lovable and just want to be near there owner.”

“Unlike her father and daughter, she seems to have little prey drive.”

“The older she gets the more she has been losing her prey drive. She used to chase any animal that got into her fenced area. Now, unless an animal invades her space she will ignore it.”

“He is aggressive with all dogs. He has had periods of even being aggressive with the dogs he lives with in the same household. He is not now aggressive acting with children...but he had a period when he was.”

“He definately sees me as his primary "master" over other members of the family. I also spend the most time with him.”

“my dog is never shown agression towards dogs or strangers. he has tried to bite me when he was playing fetch. he seems to have grown out of this behavior”

“**** is the first terrier I've had that loves to be with other dogs. I've had Kerry Blues, Cairns, and Westies and none of them could tolerate another dog. We have an off leash park and it is wonderful because **** can play a lot. There are some dogs that don't like to play rough and **** does not do this with them. He just runs with them. With other, larger dogs, **** plays hard, with lots of noise and open mouthed contact. But, it is very clearly play. If he begins to get over excited (think a toddler at Christmas), he is easily called away. He does like to hump, however. A lot. :)

I adore ****. He can test limits by chewing up things that he shouldn't but he clearly knows he is doing the wrong thing and does it when he is bored or hasn't been able to exercise.

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Comments about this questionnaire:

“It's clear that a lot of thought and effort has gone into this questionnaire, but, English being what it is, there is considerable ambiguity in the meaning of such words as 'aggression' and 'control'. There also seems to be a bias toward interpreting actions as hostile: I frequently restrain **** while I talk to someone on our walks, but it is to keep him from jumping up on them to greet them, not to attack them. He also wants to follow joggers and cyclists, but I have never felt that he wanted to harm them, but to join in the fun.”

“Great that you are doing this. Thank you.”

“There were some questions I felt had a grey area that yes/no answers did not quite reflect what has been my experiences with the Glen-The comment sections helped to clarify”

“Great idea...long overdue. Hope people are honest.”

“Questions 10 & 22 were unclear to me. I didn't quite understand the situations described in them. This might be because English is not my native language. It might help to rephrase the questions or to give an example.”

“thank you. This was my second Glen. Thank you for asking about all this. I will be interested to know how the survey comes out.”

“I think the question about 'staring' is not explained well. **** will lay on the floor (inside or out) near where either **** or myself are and never takes his eyes off of us unless there is a noise outside the gate or outside of the door.

My first impulse was to answer yes to that question but ultimately I answered NO.”

“I am glad Glen people are finally gathering information about the breed's behavior. I have had to learn by word of mouth and through mistakes. I have been lucky to have a very skilled animal behaviorist to consult with from local University. and I am very committed to my dogs.

Thank YOU for doing this work.”

“The 'Stare' question: I have taught ****. to make eye contact with me when I request it. On walks he often slows down to look behind to make sure I'm coming along. Off property is he always on a leash.”

“I appreciate your efforts!!! I am looking forward to the results.”

“Thanks for doing it. I think many more Glens are like mine, but people do not want to talk about it.”

“I'm very grateful that you have taken the time and effort to create this study. I hope the results are favorable, but if not I hope the information gathered is used in a positive manner.”

“Seems that this will eventually have to be tied to pedigrees to determine what may be hereditary v. environmental. I think it's a good thing insofar as science can determine behavioral traits, but there is always an intangible element even in animals that will skew empirical research. Thank goodness!”

“In all honesty I don't think you will learn anything from the form. You need to know how the owner and the dog relate. On its first aggressive does the owner smack it across the room with a resounding NO or say "oh you naughty boy, you hurt mama".

The boy on this form has never been used at stud (I won't allow it) because 3 of his siblings have been put down through excessive aggression. Everybody says he isn't like that....he would have been if not with me.”

“Thank you, I think this will only help our breeding programs and the information we need to pass on to prospective puppy buyers.

You may use my name if you like.

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“Good questions. Would still like to see a little more positive questions, like:

What do you like the best about your Glen? And, I suppose, What do you like the least.”

“I take issue with the opening sentence of the introduction to this survey. This is not an AKC-related issue. Temperament problems in this breed should have been addressed long ago, and happily they are now, but turning this into a matter that is the result of AKC recognition is just plain silly and you do a disservice to the cause. "We" are NOT all increasingly concerned about the future of our breed as a result of recognition and my concerns about temperament predate that notable event. I would suggest that the opening sentence works against your efforts to get everyone to participate in this otherwise worthy survey.”

“Good range of questions hope it all comes together, well done & doing good statistical work on glens, thanks **** ***)