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THE PET-ADOPTION & BREED-FIT DECISION HELPER

Pet-Adoption Fit Starter Scorecard

Score two candidates against five things that matter, free.

Free starter · 2 candidates · 5 criteria

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This starter scores two candidates — a shelter dog and a puppy everyone has already fallen for — against five of the twelve criteria the full Pet-Adoption & Breed-Fit Decision Helper uses. The method is on this page so you can carry it; the spreadsheet that came with it, and the browser scorer at

ardentworkshop.com/resources/pet-adoption-fit-scorecard/, are where you run it on your own candidates. Weight each criterion by how much it matters (the five starter weights below already total 100), rate each candidate 1 to 5 (1 = poor fit, 5 = excellent fit), multiply and add, then divide by the total weight. The higher weighted score is the stronger overall fit — not just the animal everyone already likes.

Criterion	Weight	Biscuit	Nova
Energy & exercise match	26	4	1
Hours alone on a weekday	21	4	1
Space & housing fit	21	4	3
Shedding & allergy fit	16	3	1
Fit with the children in the home	16	4	3
Weighted score (1-5)		3.84	1.74
Rank (1 = best fit)		1	2

Biscuit and Nova are fictional example candidates, and every rating above is invented to show the method working. Biscuit, a calm adult shelter mutt already settled into ordinary weekday life, is rated ahead of Nova, an unmet Siberian Husky puppy, on every one of these five criteria: the example puts a husky puppy's exercise, its tolerance for a long empty weekday and its shedding well past what this household has to give. Rate the animals you are actually weighing, in the spreadsheet or in the browser scorer, and the answer may go the other way. That is the point of scoring before you fall for a photo, and it is not a verdict on huskies.

WHAT THIS STARTER DOES NOT DO

It does not compute your weights from a household profile, price an animal's whole life, count the hours a week you actually have, or score an individual animal from what you saw at a visit. The full workbook does all four.

Two candidates is a start, not a decision

This starter proves the method computes something real the moment you open it. The full workbook is built for the decision itself.

THE FULL DECISION HELPER

The full Pet-Adoption & Breed-Fit Decision Helper scores up to six candidates against all twelve criteria, computes your weights from a twenty-six-question household profile instead of a fixed starting point, prices each animal's whole life against your ceiling, checks the hours a week it needs against the hours you have, carries a 72-row Breed & Type Reference, and includes a Meet & Greet Log where eight of your nine observations re-score six of an individual animal's rated traits from what you actually saw. It then re-runs the ranking six ways to test whether the winner holds. Get it at ardentworkshop.com/products/pet-adoption-breed-fit-decision-helper/, or see the rest of the shelf at ardentworkshop.com.

See the full range at ardentworkshop.com.

A decision aid, not veterinary, behavioral, financial or legal advice. Biscuit and Nova are fictional example candidates, and every number attached to them is invented for illustration. The Breed & Type Reference behind the full workbook describes typical ranges for a type, never a prediction about an individual animal.

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