WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

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PIT BULLS

Top Strengths

- Adventurous
- Persuasive
- Resourceful
- Self-confident
- Decisive
Top Weaknesses

- Overbearing
- Egotistical
- Insensitive
- Impatient
- Workaholics
PIT BULLS

- Life tattoo – “Just do it and do it now!”
- Favorite saying “I want to win!”
- In the class room or the office
  - Task oriented
  - Thrive on movement and activity
  - Like to be trusted with responsibility
  - Enjoy competing with other students
  - May not be well-liked by other students

- Human/Biblical Example:
  - Apostle Paul
Top Strengths

- Outgoing
- Optimistic
- Passionate
- Politically attuned
- Trusting

BEAGLES
Top Weaknesses
- Undisciplined
- Easily discouraged
- Gullible
- Overly ambitious
- Show off
BEAGLES

- Life’s Tattoo – “Let’s get this party started!”
- Favorite saying – “I want to be liked!”
- In the classroom or the office
  - Bubbly
  - Have difficulty sitting still
  - Eager to communicate with others
  - Eager to please
  - Often finish their work quickly
- Human/Biblical Example:
  - Apostle Peter
Top Strengths

- Easy going
- Orderly
- Creative
- Dependable
- Diplomatic
Golden Retrievers

- Top Weaknesses
  - Pessimistic
  - Unexcitable
  - Indecisive
  - Worriers
  - Compromising
Golden Retrievers

- Life’s tattoo - “All for 1 and 1 for all!”
- Favorite saying – “I want to be appreciated!”
- In the classroom or the office
  - Easy-going
  - Very likable and will have many friends
  - Will make witty and sometimes inappropriate comments
  - Slow to start work
  - Would rather listen to a discussion than participate in it

- Human/Biblical Example:
  - Apostle John
Top Strengths

- Good Planners
- Creative
- Supportive
- Self-sacrificing
- Perfectionists
Dalmatians

- Top Weaknesses
  - Argumentative
  - Resentful/unforgiving
  - Insecure
  - Negative and critical
  - Withdrawn
Life’s Tattoo - “If we are going to do it let’s do it right”
Favorite saying – “I want to be right!”

In the classroom or the office
- Their work will be done meticulously
- Will take failure/criticism very hard
- They will be very sensitive to the leaders needs and moods
- They don’t like schedule changes
- They don’t play if they can’t win

Human/Biblical Example:
- Thomas
Observing Through Humor

- Pit bulls tend to enjoy productive humor, humor that makes a point
- Beagles like to laugh and they love a good story
- Golden Retrievers offer a smooth blend of wit, irony and sarcasm
- Dalmatians tend to internalize their humor and enjoy intelligent humor
Shopping Habits

- Pit bulls like to budget their time and money for shopping
- Beagles love to shop with other people
- Golden Retrievers prefer few choices and often need prodding to complete their purchases
- Dalmatians are very particular shoppers and tend to intimidate sales people
Stress Management Techniques

- Pit Bulls tend to divorce themselves from situations they cannot control.
- Beagles seek moments of fun in the midst of stress.
- Golden Retrievers hate conflict and avoid stress whenever possible.
- Dalmatians will seek long stretches of silence during time of stress.
Worship Styles

- Pit Bulls care more about the teaching and preaching at church than the praise and worship times.

- Worship for Beagles is all about people. They love upbeat, exciting praise and worship and definitely love the “welcome” time.

- Even in church, Golden Retrievers enjoy predictability and comfort.

- Dalmatians tend to enjoy reflective, deeper worship.
Driving Habits

- Pit Bulls view speed limits as suggestions
- Give a beagle a fast convertible on a sunny day and they’ll never leave the car
- Golden Retrievers are comfortable drivers who give rides to friends and generously allow others to cut in front of them
- Dalmatians are rule followers when it comes to the road
Study Habits

- Pit Bulls study hard when the topic is one of their liking.
- Beagles do not think that studying is a very enjoyable sport. It interferes with their social life!
- Golden Retrievers often put off studying and completing homework.
- Dalmatians are conscientious and hardworking students. They pay attention and aim for perfection.
Friendships

- Pit Bulls view people as great tools for getting things accomplished.
- Beagles often choose quantity over quality. Number of friends is important!
- Golden Retrievers are very loyal and patient with their friends.
- Dalmatians are not always comfortable in social situations and tend to have fewer friends.
We don’t profile others to stereotype them or limit them.

We profile so we can grow in our wisdom and understanding of others.

We profile so that WE can change ourselves in order to reach people more effectively.
Expectations of Each Breed

- **Pit Bull**
  - Low expectations of himself and high expectations of others

- **Beagle**
  - Low expectations of others and himself

- **Golden Retriever**
  - High expectations for himself and low expectations for others

- **Dalmatian**
  - High expectations of himself and others
Barking the Right Response

- Philippians 2:3 – 4
  “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:14
  “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.”
Responding to a Pit bull

- Recognize their basic desires:
  - Need control
  - Need credit for their work
  - Need appreciation
  - Need loyalty
Responding to a Pit Bull

- Be firm and direct
- Focus on actions and goals
- Be “carefully” confrontational
- Be brief and to the point
- Give them time to consider your ideas and thoughts
- Give bottom line instructions
- Get out of their way

- Offering friendship: Provide an opportunity for them to direct others. Remember they respond to loyalty and personal credit.
Responding to a Beagle

- Recognize their basic desires:
  - Need fun
  - Need attention
  - Need approval
  - Need acceptance
Responding to a Beagle

- Be positive and friendly
- Allow for informal dialogue
- Allow time for stimulating and fun activities
- Use friendly voice tones
- Allow them to verbalize their thoughts and feelings
- Help them organize their talk into action
- Communicate positive recognition

- Offering friendship: Give friendship with a spotlight and a stage. They respond to approval and lots of attention.
Responding to a Golden Retriever

- Recognize their basic desires:
  - Need to have peace
  - Need to have quiet
  - Need to feel valued
  - Need a lack of stress
Responding to a Golden Retriever

- Be non-threatening and patient
- Allow time to process and adjust to change
- Use friendly tones when instructing
- Give personal, nonverbal acceptance and assurances
- Allow time to process information
- Repeat instructions/desires
- Be patient in allowing time for them to take ownership

Offering friendship: Provide friendship in the “shade” and away from chaos. They respond to those who value and encourage them.
Responding to a Dalmatian

- Recognize their basic desires:
  - Need to have perfection
  - Need sensitivity
  - Need support
  - Need silence and space
Responding to a Dalmatian

- Be specific and accurate
- Make allowances for initial responses and reactions to be negative
- Allow freedom to ask questions
- Answer questions with patience!
- Allow time for them to validate information
- Provide a step-by-step approach to reaching goals
- Provide reassurance of your support

- Offering friendship: Lots of time, solitude and space are necessary for this dog. Give support and sensitivity.
Sharing the Gospel

- Pit Bull
  - Fear: Loss of control
  - Truth: They will have strength through the Holy Spirit
  - In Christ the Pit Bull will find true leadership
Sharing the Gospel

- Beagle
  - Fear: Loss of fun in life
  - Truth: There is joy and freedom in Christ
  - In Christ the Beagle will find Joy
Sharing the Gospel

- Golden Retriever
  - Fear: That they will have to enact change in their life
  - Truth: Peace come from a right relationship with Christ
  - In Christ the Golden Retriever will find peace
Sharing the Gospel

- Dalmatian
  - Fear: That they are not perfect enough
  - Truth: They will find perfection through Christ
  - In Christ the Dalmatian will find perfection
Our goal is to become more like Jesus.

Psalm 139:14

“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.”

Your gifts are given to you but not for you.

God expects us to use our gifts to glorify Him and to equip and build up the body of Christ (Eph 4:12)