

A5574232/HERCULES'S Behavior Assessments

July 08, 2026

E26-094636

<u>Animal ID:</u>	A5574232	<u>Play Style:</u>		<u>Kids:</u>	ADULTS ONLY (REQ)
<u>Eval Type:</u>	PLAYGROUP	<u>Sociability:</u>	DEFENSIVE	<u>Large Dogs:</u>	NO OTHER DOGS (REC)
<u>Eval Location:</u>	DOWNEY	<u>Reactive:</u>	BARRIER REACTIVE	<u>Small Dogs:</u>	
<u>Eval Date:</u>	07/08/2026	<u>Ken Handling:</u>	FEARFULLY DEFENSIVE	<u>Energy Level:</u>	LOW
<u>Review Date:</u>				<u>Training:</u>	B-MOD MULTI

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Hercules A5574232 (Altered) was initially lying on his bed with a stoic demeanor when the runner arrived. His demeanor shifted after the runner attempted to coax him, causing him to emit a low growl while giving a hard stare. Hercules flinched and whipped around when the runner carefully leaned forward to leash him, maintaining hard eye contact. As a precaution, the leash was tossed from a distance. Once leashed, Hercules exited the kennel on his own and led the way to the catch pen with a light pull on the leash, bypassing his neighboring kennels. Inside the catch pen, he was slowly collared and leashed, appearing uncomfortable during the process. Hercules received a muzzle prior to entering the yard due to his tense posture and growling at the dogs through the fence. Hercules was allowed into the yard, where he ignored the dogs, exhibiting a tense posture as he walked past them. He chose to stand next to the handlers, occasionally soliciting affection. For the rest of the session, Hercules remained next to the handlers, barking defensively at the dogs when they came into proximity. Once the session concluded, he was separated from the group to begin the handling assessment.

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Hercules A5574232 (Altered) was allowed to decompress prior to the assessment. The handler was able to conduct a full evaluation without incident. Hercules was tolerant of handling of his ears, mouth, abdomen, and front legs. However, handling of his tail and rear legs became difficult as he shielded them in a seated position while observing the handler with a concerned gaze. He displayed a slightly tense posture, with a tucked tail, ears slightly back, and a closed mouth. Once the session concluded, he was returned to his kennel without issue. Hercules could benefit from confidence-building training, as this may help him feel more comfortable with handling.