

## A5764411/OCEAN'S Behavior Assessments

March 25, 2026

### E26-092297

<u>Animal ID:</u>	A5764411	<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>	03/25/2026	<u>Ken Handling:</u>	FEARFULLY DEFENSIVE	<u>Energy Level:</u>	MEDIUM
<u>Review Date:</u>				<u>Training:</u>	B-MOD MULTI

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Ocean greeted the runner with a slightly tense body, neutral gaze, open mouth, and a low tail. He barked defensively as his body continued to tense. The runner used the Pet Corrector, and Ocean retreated to the back of the kennel while trembling and continuing to bark defensively. The kennel was being cleaned, and the sound of the hose being used on the other side of the divider door caused him to approach the front of the kennel again. He was easy to leash and remove from the kennel, pulled strongly on leash while bypassing the other kennels, and was wary of being collared. The runner moved slowly, and was able to collar him after a few attempts. In the catch pen, his body was tense, his eyes were wide, and he growled at the other dogs through the gate. The runner moved slowly and was able to place a muzzle on him, but Ocean began to growl. When the runner attempted to connect the nose strap, Ocean lunged forward and tried to bite the runner’s hand. He was unable to make contact due to the muzzle, and the runner was eventually able to secure the nose strap by moving slowly. He entered the yard, and briefly greeted the other dogs in an appropriate manner. He roamed the yard with a neutral body, open pant, and a high tail, and avoided the other dogs as much as possible. He had a few tense stand-offs, but moved away with a verbal correction from the handlers. Anytime the handler’s approached him, his body would tense, his eyes would become focused, and he began to growl. He allowed one of the handlers to pet him after a few minutes, but remained tense and uncomfortable. He moved to the other side of the yard when the handler stopped petting him, and continued to avoid the other dogs. Ocean is defensive with the other dogs, has a medium energy level, and does not have a playstyle at this time.

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Ocean was already in the yard when the handler decided to begin the handling assessment. He was moved to the side yard, and given a few moments to decompress before the handler entered the yard. He was avoidant of the handler, but eventually approached her after she sat on the bench. The handler used the leash to gently restrain him for the assessment. The muzzle was not removed during this handling assessment. Ocean stood near the handler with a tense body, wide eyes, a closed mouth, ears back, and a low tail. He watched the handler’s movements, but eventually allowed the handler to pet his head, neck, and back. He flinched and leaned away every time the handler touched him. The handler was able to check his ears and touch his abdomen. When the handler touched his tail or back legs, he would quickly sit down with a tense body while tucking his tail under him. He pulled his front legs away, and turned to look at the handler with hard eyes. As the assessment progressed, Ocean’s eyes would shift toward the handler’s face as he began to growl softly. When the assessment was over, he ran to the other side of the yard and would not return to the handler when called.