

Kennel Card

Tel.: 509-545-3740



Ragu

Animal ID:
A0055988839

Stage: Pending Behavior Assessment

Review Date:

Location: Puppy and Small dog Room/#4

Description:

Ragu **Australian Cattle Dog/ Terrier, American Pit Bull, Red/ / , Medium 32.00 pound**
 Dog **1y 9m 13d, DOB: 11/22/2022, Currently Altered: No**
 Male **Declawed: None**
 Adult **Collars: / , Bitten: Unknown, Distinguishing Marks: None**

Intake Info:

<u>Intake Date/Time</u>	<u>Emancipation Date/Time</u>	<u>Intake Type</u>	<u>Intake Sub Type</u>	<u>Intake Reason</u>
5/23/2024 4:01 PM	5/26/2024 4:01:20 PM	Stray	Public Drop Off	
<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Location Found</u>			
Kennewick	1716 W 11th Ave			

Microchip Info:

<u>Microchip #</u>	<u>Microchip Type</u>	<u>Implant Date</u>
941000029028130	24PetWatch	5/23/2024 12:00:00 AM

Medical Summary

Medical Record #	Type	Subtype	Medical Status	Temperament Status	Exam/ Surgery Date	Review Date
M0078524442	Exam	Medical Exam			8/29/2024 2:31:00 PM	
Notes: NG plus admin. -HA						
M0077975487	Exam	Medical Exam			7/25/2024 11:34:00 AM	
M0077404543	Exam	Medical Exam			6/18/2024 8:08:00 PM	
M0077012101	Exam	Intake Exam			5/23/2024 4:04:00 PM	

Vaccinations	Type	Vaccination Date	Re-Vac Date	Pet ID	Pet ID Type	Record #
DHLPP	Not Set up	5/23/2024 4:04:00 PM	6/6/2024 4:04:00 PM			M0077012101

Bordetella	Modified Live	5/23/2024 4:04:00 PM	5/23/2025 4:04:00 PM			M0077012101
<u>Medical Care</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Dose/Recurrences</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Medical Care Date</u>	<u>Review Date</u>	<u>Record #</u>
Nexgard Plus	Medication	1 tablet		8/29/2024 2:31:00 PM	9/29/2024 2:31:00 PM	M0078524442
Nexgard Plus	Medication	1 tablet		7/25/2024 11:34:00 AM	8/25/2024 11:34:00 AM	M0077975487
Nexgard Plus	Medication	1 tablet		6/18/2024 8:08:00 PM	7/18/2024 8:08:00 PM	M0077404543
Microchip Implant	Procedure			5/23/2024 4:04:00 PM		M0077012101
Sentinel Spectrum	Medication	1 tablet		5/23/2024 4:04:00 PM	6/23/2024 4:04:00 PM	M0077012101

Case Information

Subject: Ragu

Age: ~1.5 yrs

Species: Canine

Breed: Australian Cattle Dog/American Pit Bull Terrier/Mix

Sex: Intact Male

Color: Red

Acquired From: 5/26/2024 stray, public drop off

Age Acquired: ~1.5 yrs

Medical History:

5/23/2024 Intake exam: Microchip implant, Bordatella & DHLPP vaccines & Sentinel Spectrum.

Medications: none

Diet: Science Diet fed twice daily

Household: Unowned shelter dog at TCAS, currently kept in an indoor/outdoor run.

Environmental History: Has been kept in an indoor/outdoor run.

Other Animals: Other shelter dogs are present and are contained separately in and out of line of sight.

Primary Behavior Concerns: Human directed aggression shortly after entering the shelter environment. While Ragu was initially able to be examined and cared for, only hours after intake this changed and Ragu demonstrated unmanageable aggressive behavior to various shelter staff.

Behavioral History:

5/27/2024 Shelter staff observed Ragu to be highly avoidant and aggressive after spending only hours in the shelter. Staff has resorted to using medication to facilitate safe movement of Ragu from one kennel to another as they were unable to safely move him without medication.

Initial Thoughts/Assessment: Clearly, the shelter environment is not one that Ragu can cope with successfully. Unfortunately, the aggressive display that Ragu demonstrates calls for the assessment to be stopped immediately due to balancing both safety and stress levels as well as avoiding making the dog less adoptable via assessment due to the high likelihood of creating a bite history.

Observations:

Assessment results are as follows:

1. N- The evaluator approached the outside of the kennel door and stood facing the kennel, bent slightly forward, looking the dog in the eye for 5 seconds. The evaluator remained relaxed, talking kindly to the dog. Observed behaviors are as follows. The dog remained at the front of the kennel growling and barking constantly, sustaining direct eye contact and alternating between snarling and displaying full dentition combined with an offensive pucker, standing with a balanced body and circular tail wagging. We tried this with multiple evaluators and had the same response each time.

The assessment was stopped here as to not provoke the dog and not to risk making the dog less adoptable via assessment by pushing dog further past threshold. It is critically important not to apply unacceptable levels of stress on dogs during the evaluation process.

Positive Indications: No positive indications were observed.

Negative Indications: Ragu is an unowned dog and ideal circumstances for rehabilitation involve a foster or an owner. The shelter is full. There are numerous behavior dogs. There are no staff personnel that can handle Ragu without medication support. Ragu displays active defense reflex: charging and putting on an intimidation behavior cluster.

Intervention Recommendations: No walks due to unacceptable risk levels to humans. Attempt enrichment protocol, this resource has been provided in the binder set. Consult with veterinarian about medication options, if any are advised.

My Recommendation: Veterinarian consult for potential for medication management. If medication management is chosen, and the medication management stabilizes the aggressive behaviors, I can reassess at that point.

This falls under the rescue pull only category with Asilomar 'Unhealthy/Untreatable' due to 'serious stranger/barrier issues'. At the time of assessment Ragu will need substantial management and poses a risk to humans who attempt to approach or handle him; if a rescue organization is able to take this dog and has the means to work with a qualified veterinarian and behavior professional there could be potential to upgrade the status in a very specific environment.



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Medications: 150 mg Trazadone BID & 100mg Gabapentin BID

Diet: Science Diet fed twice daily

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Environmental History: Has been kept in an indoor/outdoor run.

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Primary Behavior Concerns: Human directed aggression shortly after entering the shelter environment. While Ragu was initially able to be examined and cared for, only hours after intake this changed and Ragu demonstrated unmanageable aggressive behavior to various shelter staff.

Behavioral History:

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Initial Thoughts/Assessment: Clearly, the shelter environment is not one that Ragu can cope with successfully. Unfortunately, the aggressive display that Ragu demonstrates calls for the assessment to be stopped immediately due to balancing both safety and stress levels as well as avoiding making the dog less adoptable via assessment due to the high likelihood of creating a bite history.

Observations:

Second Assessment (with medication, except had refused medication the morning of the assessment) results are as follows:

1. N- The evaluator approached the outside of the kennel door and stood facing the kennel, bent slightly forward, looking the dog in the eye for 5 seconds. The evaluator remained relaxed, talking kindly to the dog. Observed behaviors are as follows. The dog remained at the front of the kennel growling and barking nearly constantly with a rapidly high wagging tail, hopping up and down with front legs a few inches off the ground, then lowered the body with ears back, sustaining direct eye contact and alternating between snarling and slight lip curling. We tried this with multiple evaluators and had the same response each time.

The formal assessment was stopped here as to not provoke the dog and not to risk making the dog less adoptable via assessment by pushing dog further past threshold. It is critically important not to apply unacceptable levels of stress on dogs during the evaluation process.

Other observations before and after the formal assessment were that Ragu will reliably charge the kennel at the hands and feet of passers by: this was observed with 6 people. When offering treats with the fake hand through the fence or when touching the lock/latch with the fake hand Ragu placed bites on 3 occasions. The first occasion was touching the latch where Ragu bit the fake hand pulling it toward him. The second occasion was touching the latch where Ragu bit the hand 3 times in under 2 seconds for a total of 4 bites in 5 seconds. Ragu was given time to cool down. Finally when offered a treat with the fake hand Ragu bit the fake hand fingertip as it just barely passed the threshold of the chain fence. For these reasons it is not advised to put fingers through the fence.

Initial Assessment (without medication) results are as follows:

2. N- The evaluator approached the outside of the kennel door and stood facing the kennel, bent slightly forward, looking the dog in the eye for 5 seconds. The evaluator remained relaxed, talking kindly to the dog. Observed behaviors are as follows. The dog remained at the front of the kennel growling and barking constantly, sustaining direct eye contact and alternating between snarling and displaying full dentition combined with an offensive pucker, standing with a balanced body and circular tail wagging. We tried this with multiple evaluators and had the same response each time.

The assessment was stopped here as to not provoke the dog and not to risk making the dog less adoptable via assessment by pushing dog further past threshold. It is critically important not to apply unacceptable levels of stress on dogs during the evaluation process.

Positive Indications: No positive indications were observed.

Negative Indications: Ragu is an unowned dog and ideal circumstances for rehabilitation involve a foster or an owner. The shelter is full. The twice daily medications are not making Ragu more manageable in the shelter environment and Ragu will occasionally refuse medications. There are numerous behavior dogs. There are no staff personnel that can handle Ragu without high level medication support. Ragu displays active defense reflex: charging and putting on an intimidation behavior cluster.

Intervention Recommendations: No walks due to unacceptable risk levels to humans. Attempt enrichment protocol, this resource has been provided in the binder set. Consult with veterinarian about medication options, if any are advised.

My Recommendation: Rescue pull only, keep fingers outside of the kennel and avoid triggering Ragu. Enrichment can be offered while waiting to see if a rescue wants to take on this type of behavior case.

This falls under the rescue pull only category with Asilomar 'Unhealthy/Untreatable' due to 'serious stranger/barrier issues'. At the time of assessment Ragu will need substantial management and poses a risk to humans who attempt to approach or handle him; if a rescue organization is able to take this dog and has the means to work with a qualified veterinarian and behavior professional there could be potential to upgrade the status in a very specific environment.



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Rescue Behavior Assessment

Instructions:

This form should be completed by an experienced and knowledgeable animal trainer. The assessment is meant to provide insights into the animal's potential for rehabilitation and to assist in finding appropriate placement or foster care.

Assessor Information:

Name: Mary and Chance Mattox

Affiliation: Mattox Dog Training Academy & Mikey's Chance Canine Rescue

Contact Information: mattoxdogtrainingacademy@gmail.com, MikeysChance@gmail.com

Date of Assessment: 7/24/2024

Animal Information:

Name: Ragu

ID Number: _____

Species/Breed: French Bulldog Cross

Age: _____

Gender: Male

Behavioral Assessment

Please provide detailed observations, specific incidents, or comments regarding the animal's behavior. Include any recommendations for rehabilitation or special care needs.

This dog has a history of biting ankles and feet. French bulldogs are known to go after ankles and feet. When we approached his pen, he was lively but saw no eye dilation or aggression. Once inside the pen, we experienced none of these issues. We believe he has everyone buffaloed with his gruff exterior, and that is causing a fear response leading to ankle and foot biting.

Overall Assessment:

- Suitable for immediate adoption
- Suitable for foster care with an experienced handler
- Requires further rehabilitation before adoption
- Not recommended for adoption

Specific Training or Care Recommendations:

I recommend he go into a home with children over 13 years old after training and working on manners.

Potential Risks:

He will continue to be gruff and scare people with his rough presentation. He may also continue to chew on ankles and feet until taught obedience and manners.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ANY DOG PUT IN A STRESSFUL SITUATION OR ENVIRONMENT IS CAPABLE OF BITING

Waiver

I acknowledge the potential risks involved in assessing an animal with behavior issues. I agree to perform the assessment to the best of my ability and understand that the information provided will be used to help determine the best course of action for the animal's welfare.

Assessor's Signature: 

Date: 7/24/2024

Note:
This assessment is done in addition to the shelter behavioral assessment. It is intended to evaluate the animal's potential for rehabilitation by an experienced handler and to assist in finding appropriate placement. This form is part of a pilot program and will be continuously improved.