Bryn Foster Assessment

10 November 2026

Assessment question	Foster carer's response
Dog's name	Bryn
Breed / crossbreed (if known)	Cocker Spaniel
Approximate age	5 years
Sex	Male
Neutered / spayed	No
Date dog arrived in foster care	22/08/2026
How long have you cared for this dog?	2-3 months
General personality (select all that apply)	Affectionate / cuddly Nervous / anxious Sensitive
Does the dog enjoy human attention?	Loves attention
How does the dog respond to stroking, cuddles and handling?	Actively seeks out attention, is handled well all over and will sit in my lap
What situations make the dog frightened, anxious or uncomfortable?	New people in his home and outside Other dogs Noises outside the house like cars
Favourite activities and toys	Loves ripping up his toys His favourite is his avocado
What makes this dog special or endearing?	Despite all hes been through he has settled really well and just wants to be loved, walked and given plenty of attention. He has a cute head tilt he does when you ask if he wants to go on a walk.
Is the dog housetrained?	Fully
How does the dog signal that they need to go outside?	Waits by the door or goes out when asked
Behaviour when left alone	Barks / howls
Longest period left alone successfully	6 hours

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Chews furniture or household items?	Never observed
Jumps up at people?	Frequently
Barking and response to household noises	Doesn't react to noises in the house but barks if he hears people or cars etc outside
Reaction to visitors entering the home	Barks at them constantly
Ability to settle indoors	Settles easily
Where does the dog sleep?	In our bed or bedroom floor, his choice
Sleeps through the night?	Yes
Other household behaviours or routines	Chew his toys and other items like toilet paper, cardboard and my slippers Whines and now barks for our food Humps blankets and pillows
Response to other dogs	Selective
Has the dog lived with other dogs in foster care?	No
Preferred dog household	Only dog
Response to cats	Chases
Experience and response to small animals (rabbits, chickens etc.)	Not tested
Any observed prey / chase instinct?	Big prey drive With birds and squirrels Will pull on lead as trying to run after them
Has the dog spent time around children?	No
Ages of children encountered	Not tested
Recommended age of children in an adoptive home, if any	Adult
Response to unfamiliar adults	Reactive

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Any preference for, or nervousness around, particular people?	Barks at any new people Even when out on a walk Particularly in the house More comfortable with women
Handling sensitivities (collar, being lifted, disturbed when resting etc.)	No problems Harness goes over his head no issue Doesn't mind being disturbed when he's settled
Current daily exercise	1–2 hours
Recommended amount of daily exercise	30-45 minute walks twice a day Not recall trained so around 50 mins in a private field sometimes to have a proper run around
Enjoyment of walks	Loves walks
Walking on a lead	Pulls strongly
Response on walks to other dogs, strangers, traffic, cyclists, joggers, livestock, wildlife and noises	Has become increasingly reactive with other dogs - barking and lunging High prey drive but not tested with livestock Will bark if strangers approach but otherwise ignores people Fine with traffic and cyclists
Exercised off lead in a securely enclosed area?	Yes
Recall in environments tested	Poor / unreliable
Secure garden needed?	Yes
Any attempts to escape, climb or jump fencing?	None
Current food brand	Durham's
Food type	Raw
Meals per day	2
Approximate quantity per meal	225g - 450g total
Appetite	Excellent
Known food allergies, intolerances or dietary requirements	None

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Observed resource guarding around food, treats, toys or possessions	No guarding observed
Details of any guarding incidents, context and management	None
Favourite foods and treats	Cheese Yoghurt Bones Pigs ears Strawberries
General health	Excellent
Known medical conditions	Trouble with anal glands
Currently receiving medication?	No
Mobility problems, pain, stiffness or difficulty with stairs	None
Vaccinations, flea and worming treatments up to date?	Yes
Veterinary treatment while in foster care	Flea and worm treatment Nail clip
Upcoming vet appointments or ongoing treatment	None
Long-term health needs for future adopters	Anal glands
Commands understood	Sit Stay / wait Down Come Bed / place Paw Other
Response to training	Food motivated Easily distracted

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Comfort with collar, harness and lead	Fully comfortable Including harness going over his head
Training or behavioural support already undertaken	Done training in the house but as soon as distractions come in he doesn't listen
Training the new family should continue	For his barking and recall mainly
Travelling by car	Happy traveller
Comfort with brushing / grooming	Yes
Response to baths, nail trimming, ear cleaning, towel drying and vet visits	Very good with them all, no handling issues with vets or groomer Lets me towel dry him after a wet walk
Needs regular professional grooming?	Yes
Behaviours observed	Separation-related distress Reactivity towards dogs Reactivity towards people Excessive barking
What helps the dog feel calm, safe and reassured?	Being with people he knows Something to keep him busy like a bone Quiet and calm atmosphere
Situations adopters should avoid or manage carefully	Loud crowded areas Socialising with people or other dogs
Suggested home environment (select all that apply)	Quiet household Active household Experienced dog owners Adult-only household No other pets Secure garden Rural / quiet area preferred
Could the dog cope with adopters working outside the home?	After settling in and appropriate visits from a sitter yes
Needs someone at home most of the day?	Initially while settling

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Three most important things an adopter should know	He does excessively bark He will chew items so keep things out of reach Ensure his recall and prey drive is better before letting him off lead
Ideal family or lifestyle	Calm household with a main female owner, not loads of visitors, especially no children In a rural location with big fields for walks
Circumstances in which the dog should not be rehomed	With children or households in busy locations
What do you love most about this dog?	His loving personality that means he just wants to be with his people He's a Velcro dog
Progress since arriving in foster care	He has become a lot more confident and is not afraid to show us this is his home too now
Challenges the dog is still working through	Barking Chewing / stealing things Recall Pulling on lead Interactions with other dogs
May we use your written comments in the dog's adoption profile?	Yes, with appropriate editing