

## Character test for pups of various types of usefulness

### S u m m a r y

The aim of the work was to develop our own, practical test for pups adapted to the conditions of pup management in Poland. Out of watchdogs the observations were performed on pups of the following breeds: Alsatian sheepdog (I group FCI – shepherd dogs and sheepdogs); Dobermann dogs (II group FCI – pinschers, schnauzer and molossoïdes). Out of hunting dogs (VIII group FCI – retrievers) observations were carried out on English and American cocker spaniels). From X group FCI – greyhounds the observations were performed on pups of Afghan hound and Whippet. Pups were studied at the age of 6-7 weeks. The character trial was conducted in pens or rooms where pups were kept. The mean time of study of the reaction to acoustic, visual and tactual stimuli was 3 to 5 min. The evaluation of behaviour was carried out, using scores. The pups from one litter were divided into three groups according to the sum of the obtained points. The presented test estimating the pup character should be performed in various useful breeds in order to make a selection for the character traits. This test allows an immediate selection of pups in relation to their character. The qualitative evaluation of the character trait may be done by the breeder and the buyer of the pup.