

## A5770674/BELLA'S Behavior Assessments

April 27, 2026

E26-092979

<u>Animal ID:</u>	A5770674	<u>Play Style:</u>		<u>Kids:</u>	ADULTS ONLY (REQ)
<u>Eval Type:</u>	OTHER	<u>Sociability:</u>	SELECTIVE	<u>Large Dogs:</u>	LARGE DOGS OK
<u>Eval Location:</u>	DOWNEY	<u>Reactive:</u>	NON REACTIVE	<u>Small Dogs:</u>	NO SMALL DOGS
<u>Eval Date:</u>	04/27/2026	<u>Ken Handling:</u>	FRIENDLY/EASYTO REMOVE1	<u>Energy Level:</u>	MEDIUM
<u>Review Date:</u>				<u>Training:</u>	CONTINUED SOCIALIZATION

Eval Comments: "The behaviors described today reflect the dog's responses in an Animal Care Center environment and during assessment. A dog's behavior in an Animal Care Center may differ significantly from how they behave in a home. Stress, confinement, and unfamiliar surroundings can cause dogs to act out or suppress behaviors that may emerge later. A dog's behavior may change based on surroundings, training, medical, socialization, and life experiences."

Bella was already in the yard when the handler decided to begin the small dog assessment. She was muzzled for the safety of the small dog. She entered the yard while being loosely restrained on leash, and approached the small dog with a tense body, focused eyes, ears back, and a stiff tail with a "rattlesnake" wag. She moved away from the small dog after a few seconds. The leash was dropped, and she was allowed to freely interact with the small dog. She kept her distance from the while maintaining a tense body. Anytime the small dog approached her, Bella would side-eye her while moving away with a tense body. Bella was unable to relax while the small dog was in the yard, but did not lunge, growl, or try to bite. The muzzle was not removed during this assessment. Bella was returned to her kennel without incident.

April 23, 2026

E26-092892

<u>Animal ID:</u>	A5770674	<u>Play Style:</u>	GENTLE/DAINTY	<u>Kids:</u>	ADULTS ONLY (REQ)
<u>Eval Type:</u>	PLAYGROUP	<u>Sociability:</u>	TOLERANT	<u>Large Dogs:</u>	LARGE DOGS OK
<u>Eval Location:</u>	DOWNEY	<u>Reactive:</u>	NON REACTIVE	<u>Small Dogs:</u>	NEEDS ASSESSMENT
<u>Eval Date:</u>	04/23/2026	<u>Ken Handling:</u>	FEARFULLY DEFENSIVE	<u>Energy Level:</u>	MEDIUM
<u>Review Date:</u>				<u>Training:</u>	CONTINUED SOCIALIZATION

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Bella was at the back of the kennel with a tense, trembling body. Her posture was hunched, her eyes were wide, her mouth was closed, her ears were pinned back, and her tail was tucked. She barked and growled defensively, but settled with some coaxing from the runner. She would not approach the front of the kennel, so the runner stepped into the kennel to leash her. She required coaxing and gentle pressure on the leash to walk through the building, but pulled lightly on leash once out of the building. She was tense and defensive during collaring, and snapped at the runner with gentle pressure. She was muzzled as a precaution before entering the yard. She defensively snapped at the dogs when they came to greet her, and then hid behind the handler. She sniffed the handler's hand, and allowed the handler to pet her head while watching the handler with wide eyes. She eventually began to roam the yard, but continued to snap defensively at the more energetic dogs. She was tolerant of a mellow male who occasionally approached her. She began to approach the handler to solicit petting, but growled softly with the handler touched her paws or reached for the leash. However, she slowly became more comfortable with handling, and rolled onto her back in a submissive manner when the handler tried to remove the muzzle. Once the muzzle was removed, she shook her whole body to release some tension before engaging in play with the mellow male. Her body was relaxed, her eyes were soft, her ears were back, and her tail was neutral. She continued to solicit gentle petting from the handlers. Bella is tolerant of the other dogs, has a medium energy level, and prefers a gentle-dainty playstyle.