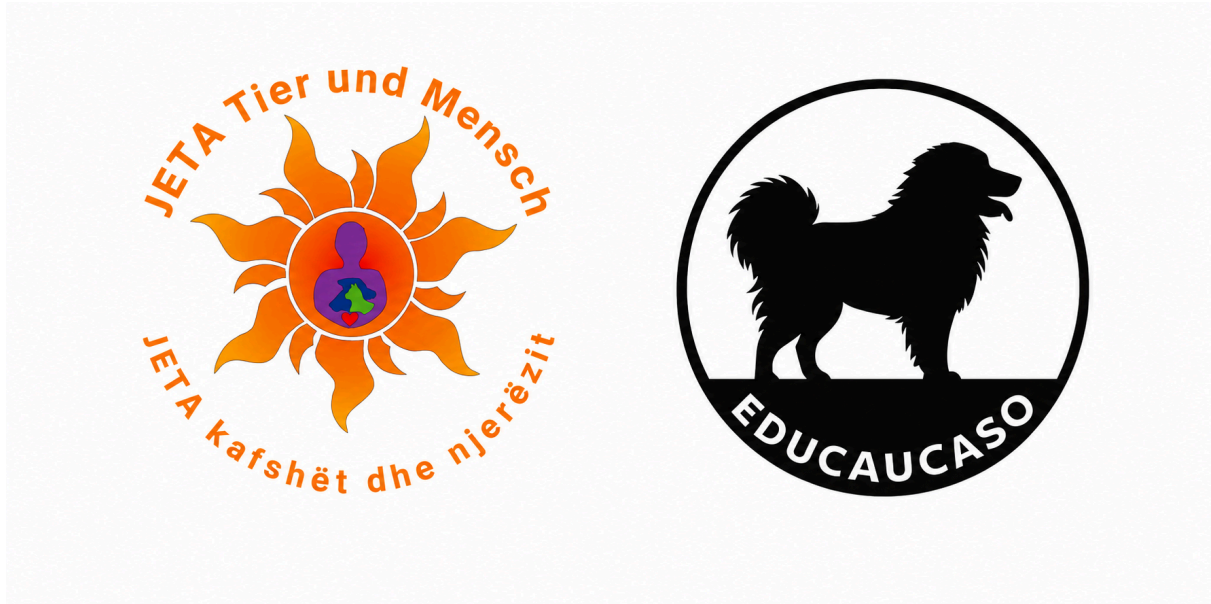




ONGOING BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT REPORT

Behavioral Profile, Handling Progress and Preliminary Placement Guidance.

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Assessment period: 6–17 August 2026

Status: Ongoing assessment — subject to additional observations



Rrugi Report

DOG:	Rrugi
BREED / TYPE:	Small mixed-breed dog
SEX / STATUS:	Male • recently neutered
AGE:	To be confirmed
RESCUE DATE:	13 July 2026
ORGANIZATION:	Jeta Tier Und Mensch
ASSESSMENT PERIOD:	August 2026

1. Background and relevant history

Rrugi was rescued by Jeta Tier Und Mensch on 13 July 2026 after the organization became aware of a dog in urgent need of assistance. He was taken to a veterinary hospital the following morning and remained hospitalized for approximately ten days.

During hospitalization, several damaged teeth were extracted and Rrugi was neutered. He was also diagnosed with heartworm disease and treatment was initiated. Eye drops were prescribed as part of his ongoing medical care.

The veterinary hospital reported aggressive behavior during handling. However, subsequent observations at the shelter suggest that these responses should be considered in the context of fear, discomfort, perceived pressure, and handling sensitivity. Further behavioral observation has therefore focused on distinguishing defensive responses from proactive or offensive aggression.

2. Purpose of the behavioral assessment

This assessment documents Rrugi's responses to human proximity, physical handling, medical care, restraint, and the gradual development of trust.

Particular attention has been given to his behavior when he perceives social or physical pressure, his ability to recover when that pressure is reduced, and whether previously reported aggressive responses persist when handling is introduced gradually and predictably.

The purpose of this report is to provide a practical behavioral profile of Rrugi and to establish appropriate guidelines for future handling, trust-building, training, and placement.

3. Preliminary behavioral profile

Rrugi Report

Rrugi presents as a socially interested but initially insecure dog who monitors people carefully when they approach him. His behavior observed during the assessment period suggests sensitivity to direct pressure and restraint rather than a generalized tendency toward aggression.

During an initial attempt to administer prescribed eye drops while using a muzzle, Rrugi became increasingly distressed and attempted to bite. Because restraint appeared to increase his level of discomfort, the approach was changed in favor of gradual trust-building and cooperative handling.

Since 6 August, repeated low-pressure interactions have produced noticeable progress. Time has been spent with Rrugi both inside and outside his kennel, initially maintaining greater distance and progressively reducing it according to his tolerance.

Eye-drop administration has subsequently been paired with food reinforcement. Rrugi may move his head or body backward when the drops are administered, indicating continued discomfort or uncertainty, but **no aggressive response has been observed during these more recent sessions.**

His tolerance of physical handling has also increased. He currently allows controlled guidance by the collar and can be lifted and held without displaying an aggressive response.

4. Behavior Around Kennel Entry and Exit

Rrugi frequently displays repetitive barking when a person approaches or is preparing to enter his kennel. A similar pattern occurs when the person leaves.

During departure, the barking may be accompanied by increased motor activity, including occasionally turning or spinning around himself. Tail wagging has also been observed during these vocalizations.

Importantly, the barking typically stops once the person enters the kennel, and no aggressive behavior associated with this vocalization has been observed during the assessment period to date.

Taken together, the repetitive barking, tail movement, increased motor activity, and strong relationship between the behavior and human arrival or departure appear more consistent with **increased arousal, social anticipation, and possibly attention-seeking behavior** than with an attempt to threaten or drive the person away.

The spinning behavior observed during departure may represent an additional expression of heightened arousal. Its emotional significance should not be interpreted in isolation and will continue to be monitored during the remaining assessment period.

Rrugi Report

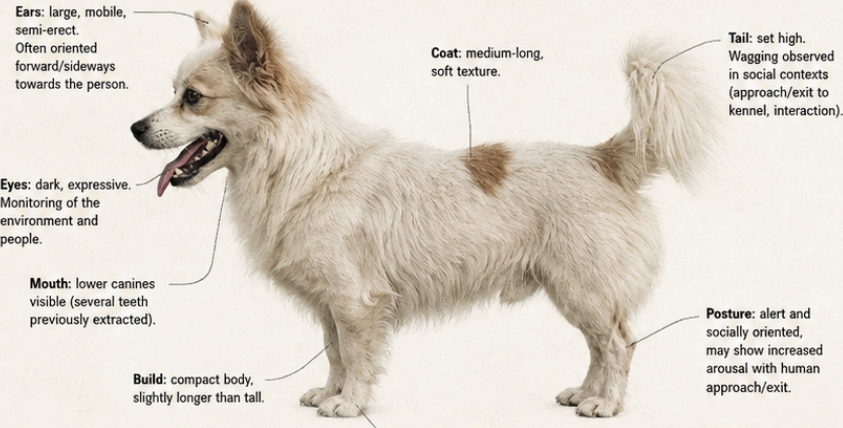
Because Rrugi has previously been described as aggressive, it is particularly important that his kennel behavior is assessed as a complete behavioral sequence rather than interpreting barking alone as evidence of aggression.



RRUGI

BEHAVIORAL PROFILE – OBSERVATION SUMMARY

SPECIES: <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i> NAME: Rrugi SEX: Male (Neutered) AGE: Approx. (to be confirmed) BREED / TYPE: Small mixed-breed dog RESCUE DATE: 13 July 2026 ORGANIZATION: Jeta Tier Und Mensch ASSESSMENT PERIOD: 6 – 17 August 2026 (Ongoing Assessment)	MEDICAL INFORMATION  Heartworm positive Treatment ongoing  Several damaged teeth extracted Dental care provided  Receiving eye treatment Eye drops prescribed	PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION • Small size • Medium-long coat • White/cream with light brown markings (ears and back) • Large, erect/semierect ears • Dark eyes • Visible lower canines (due to dental condition) 
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BODY & PHYSICAL FEATURES (VISUAL OVERVIEW)

Ears: large, mobile, semi-erect. Often oriented forward/sideways towards the person.

Coat: medium-long, soft texture.

Tail: set high. Wagging observed in social contexts (approach/exit to kennel, interaction).

Eyes: dark, expressive. Monitoring of the environment and people.

Mouth: lower canines visible (several teeth previously extracted).

Build: compact body, slightly longer than tall.

Posture: alert and socially oriented, may show increased arousal with human approach/exit.

Paws: small, well-proportioned. Movement is agile.

CALM & RELAXED SIGNALS

- ✓ Soft facial expression
- ✓ Mouth relaxed (open or closed)
- ✓ Loose body posture
- ✓ Tail wagging at mid/high level
- ✓ Accepts proximity when pressure is low

STRESS / DISCOMFORT SIGNALS

- ⚠ Moving head/body away
- ⚠ Ears pulled back
- ⚠ Body tension
- ⚠ Avoidance of direct pressure
- ⚠ Repetitive barking when person approaches or leaves kennel

NOTES

Rrugi's behavior appears more consistent with defensive responses associated with fear, perceived pressure and handling sensitivity than with proactive aggression. Ongoing observation will continue to refine this assessment.

BEHAVIOR SEQUENCE: KENNEL INTERACTION

APPROACH TO KENNEL  • Repetitive barking • Tail wagging • Appears to seek attention • No aggressive behavior observed	PERSON ENTERS KENNEL  • Barking usually stops • Dog monitors the person • May show initial caution but allows presence	DURING INTERACTION  • Can relax when pressure is low • Accepts handling progressively • Responds to gentle approach and food reinforcement	PERSON LEAVES KENNEL  • Repetitive barking • May spin in circles • Tail wagging • Appears excited/aroused • No aggressive behavior observed
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INTERPRETATION (PROVISIONAL)

The pattern of barking and movement around entry/exit appears related to social anticipation, excitement and/or attention-seeking rather than a defensive/aggressive intent.

Barking typically ceases once the person is inside the kennel.

ESTIMATED SIZE (VISUAL REFERENCE)

Approx. 25–30 cm at shoulder

Approx. 35–40 cm length (from chest to base of tail)

BODY PROPORTIONS

Slightly longer than tall

Compact and sturdy for his size

TAIL CARRIAGE

Carried high. Wagging observed in social contexts (approach/exit and interaction).

GENERAL IMPRESSION

- ♥ Socially interested and people-oriented
- 🧠 Sensitive to pressure and restraint
- ⬆ Builds trust with time, patience and consistency
- 📈 Progress is observable and ongoing

This visual summary is based on observations collected between 6 and 11 August 2026. Assessment is ongoing and subject to new observations until 17 August 2026.

TO BE UPDATED WITH ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS