

BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT (from the FCI standard) : Courage, determination and outstanding braveness are part of its characteristics. With its owners and family it is docile, obedient and extremely tolerant with children. Its loyalty is proverbial, insistently seeking the company of its master.

One of its characteristics is its aloofness towards strangers. It displays a calm disposition, distinctive self-assurance and self-confidence, remaining unperturbed by strange noises or circumstances. An unsurpassed guardian of properties, it also instinctively indulges in big game hunting and cattle herding.

Did you know that the temperament of the Fila was given it's own specific terminology? Ojeriza, which translates from the Portuguese into "hatred, ill will, and spite". To put this into lay mans terms it simply means that your Fila will not like anyone it was not raised with. And this does mean anyone, whether family, friend, child or adult.