

Canine Behavioral Assessment & Research Questionnaire (short version)

SECTION 1: Excitability

Instructions: Some dogs show little reaction to exciting events, while others become highly excited at the slightest novelty. By circling a number on the following 5-point scales (0=Calm, 4=Extremely excitable), please indicate your own dog's recent tendency to become excitable in the following circumstances (**please circle only one number**):

1. Just before being taken for a walk.

Calm: little or no special reaction	Mild-Moderate excitability	Extremely excitable: over-reacts, hard to calm down
0.....	1.....2.....	3.....4

2. Just before being taken on a car trip.

Calm: little or no special reaction	Mild-Moderate excitability	Extremely excitable: over-reacts hard to calm down
0.....	1.....2.....	3.....4

SECTION 2: Aggression

Instructions: Most dogs display aggressive behavior from time to time – e.g. barking, growling, baring teeth, snapping, etc. By circling a number on the following 5-point scales (0=No aggression, 4=Serious aggression), please indicate your own dog's recent tendency to display aggressive behavior in each of the following circumstances (**please circle only one number**):

3. When approached directly by an unfamiliar **person** while being walked/exercised on a leash.

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite
0.....	1.....2.....	3.....4

4. When toys, bones or other objects are taken away by a household member.

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite
0.....	1.....2.....	3.....4

5. When approached directly by a household member while s/he (the dog) is eating.

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite
0.....	1.....2.....	3.....4

6. When mailmen or other delivery workers approach your home.

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite		
0.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4

7. When his/her food is taken away by a household member.

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite		
0.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4

8. When approached directly by an unfamiliar **dog** while being walked/exercised on a leash.

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite		
0.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4

9. When strangers walk past your home when your dog is outside or in the yard.

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite		
0.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4

10. When barked, growled, or lunged at by another (unfamiliar) dog.

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite		
0.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4

11. When approached while eating by another (familiar) household **dog** (leave blank if no other dogs).

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite		
0.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4

12. When approached while playing with/chewing a favorite toy, bone, object, etc., by another (familiar) household **dog** (leave blank if no other dogs).

No aggression: No visible signs of aggression	Moderate aggression: growling/barking – baring teeth	Serious aggression: Snaps, bites or attempts to bite		
0.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4

SECTION 3: Fear and Anxiety

Instructions: Dogs often show signs of anxiety or fear when exposed to particular sounds, objects, persons or situations – e.g. crouching or cringing with tail tucked between the legs; whimpering or whining, freezing, trembling, or attempting to escape or hide. Using the following 5-point scales (0=No fear, 4=Extreme fear), please indicate your own dog’s recent tendency to display fearful behavior in the following circumstances (**please circle only one number**):

13. When approached directly by an unfamiliar person while away from your home.

No fear/anxiety: No visible signs of fear	Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety	Extreme Fear: Cowers; retreats or hides, etc.
0.....	1.....2.....3.....	4

14. In response to sudden or loud noises (e.g. thunder, vacuum cleaner, car backfire, road drills, objects being dropped, etc.).

No fear/anxiety: No visible signs of fear	Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety	Extreme Fear: Cowers; retreats or hides, etc.
0.....	1.....2.....3.....	4

15. When an unfamiliar person tries to touch or pet the dog.

No fear/anxiety: No visible signs of fear	Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety	Extreme Fear: Cowers; retreats or hides, etc.
0.....	1.....2.....3.....	4

16. In response to strange or unfamiliar objects on or near the sidewalk (e.g. plastic trash bags, leaves, litter, flags flapping, etc.).

No fear/anxiety: No visible signs of fear	Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety	Extreme Fear: Cowers; retreats or hides, etc.
0.....	1.....2.....3.....	4

17. When approached directly by an unfamiliar dog.

No fear/anxiety: No visible signs of fear	Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety	Extreme Fear: Cowers; retreats or hides, etc.
0.....	1.....2.....3.....	4

18. When first exposed to unfamiliar situations (e.g. first car trip, first time in elevator, first visit to veterinarian, etc.).

No fear/anxiety: No visible signs of fear	Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety	Extreme Fear: Cowers; retreats or hides, etc.
0.....	1.....2.....3.....	4

19. When barked, growled, or lunged at by an unfamiliar dog.

No fear/anxiety:
No visible signs
of fear

Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety

Extreme Fear:
Cowers; retreats or hides,
etc.

0.....1.....2.....3.....4

20. When having nails clipped by a household member.

No fear/anxiety:
No visible signs
of fear

Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety

Extreme Fear:
Cowers; retreats or hides,
etc.

0.....1.....2.....3.....4

21. When groomed or bathed by a household member.

No fear/anxiety:
No visible signs
of fear

Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety

Extreme Fear:
Cowers; retreats or hides,
etc.

0.....1.....2.....3.....4

SECTION 4: Separation-related behavior

Instructions: Some dogs show signs of anxiety when left alone, even for short periods of time. Thinking back over the recent past, how often has your dog shown each of the following signs of anxiety when left, or about to be left, on its own (**please check only one box per question**):

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
22. Restlessness/agitation/pacing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Barking or whining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Chewing/scratching at doors, floor, windows, curtains, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 5: Attachment and Attention-seeking

Instructions: Most dogs are strongly attached to their people, and some demand a great deal of attention and affection from them. Thinking back over the recent past, how often has your dog shown each of the following signs of attachment or attention-seeking (**please check only one box per question**):

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
25. Tends to follow you (or other members of the household) about the house, from room to room.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. Tends to sit close to, or in contact with you (or others) when you are sitting down	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 6: Training and obedience

Instructions: Some dogs are more obedient and trainable than others. By checking the appropriate boxes, please indicate how trainable or obedient your dog has been in each of the following situations in the recent past (**please check only one box per question**):

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
27. Obeys a “sit” command immediately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Obeys a “stay” command immediately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Easily distracted by interesting sights, sounds or smells	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 7: Miscellaneous problems

Instructions: Dogs display a wide range of miscellaneous behavior problems in addition to those already covered by this questionnaire. Thinking back over the recent past, please indicate how often your dog has shown any of the following behaviors (**please check only one box per question**):

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
30. Chases or would chase birds, given the chance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Chases or would chase squirrels, rabbits, etc., given the chance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Escapes or would escape from home or yard, given the chance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Chews inappropriate objects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Urinates against objects/ furnishings in your home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Urinates or defecates when left alone in the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Playful, puppyish, boisterous	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37. Active, energetic, always on the go	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for providing this helpful information!