



The goal of this survey is to assess several different elements of the dog-owner relationship, including your perception of the degree of support you get from your dog, the ways in which you bond with your dog, the kinds of things you do together, and your perception of the responsibilities involved in dog ownership. There are no right or wrong answers to this survey. Like humans, individual dogs have unique personalities. The questions that follow provide insight into the variation among dogs in their relationships with humans. The Dog-Owner Relationship Survey is based on the Monash Dog-Owner Relationship Scale (MDORS). Please answer to the best of your ability and with respect to how you and your dog interact at the age they are right now.

Dwyer F, Bennett PC, and Coleman G (2006). Development of the Monash Dog Owner Relationship Scale (MDORS). *Anthrozoös* 19: 243-256.

Section 1

This section of the Dog-Owner Relationship Survey asks questions about various dog-owner activities. Please read the selections carefully as the answer scale is not the same for all questions.

For the questions below, estimate how frequently you participate in the following activities with your dog.

	Never	Once a month	Once a week	Once every few days	At least once a day
How often do you play games with your dog? [afus_mdors_1_play_games]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>
How often do you give your dog treats? [afus_mdors_2_treats]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>
How often do you kiss your dog? [afus_mdors_3_kiss]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>
How often do you take your dog in the car? [afus_mdors_4_dog_in_car]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>
How often do you hug your dog? [afus_mdors_5_hug]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>
How often do you have your dog with you while relaxing, i.e. watching TV? [afus_mdors_6_relaxing_together]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>
How often do you groom your dog? [afus_mdors_7_grooming_frequency]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>

For the questions below, estimate how frequently you participate in the following activities with your dog.

	Never	A few times a year	Once a month	Once every couple weeks	Once a week
How often do you take your dog to visit people? [afus_mdors_8_visiting_other_people]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>
How often do you buy your dog presents? [afus_mdors_9_buy_presents]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>



Section 2

This section of the Dog-Owner Relationship Survey asks questions about dog-owner relationships. Please read the selections carefully as the answer scale is not the same for all questions.

Please indicate your level of agreement with the statements below.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
My dog helps me get through tough times. [afus_mdors_10_get_through_tough_times]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
My dog is there whenever I need to be comforted. [afus_mdors_11_dog_for_comfort]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
I would like to have my dog near me all the time. [afus_mdors_12_close_proximity]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
My dog provides me with constant companionship. [afus_mdors_13_constant_companionship]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
If everyone else left me, my dog would still be there for me. [afus_mdors_14_there_for_me]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
My dog gives me a reason to get up in the morning. [afus_mdors_15_reason_to_get_up]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
I wish my dog and I never had to be apart. [afus_mdors_16_never_apart]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○
My dog is constantly attentive to me. [afus_mdors_17_constantly_attentive]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○

For the question below, estimate the frequency of the following activity.

	Never	Once a year	Once a month	Once a week	At least once a day
How often do you tell your dog things you don't tell anyone else? [afus_mdors_18_share_secrets]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○

For the question below, estimate the frequency of the following activity.

	Not traumatic at all	Not traumatic	Neither traumatic nor not traumatic	Traumatic	Very traumatic
How traumatic do you think it will be for you when your dog dies? [afus_mdors_19_trauma_of_death]	1 ○	2 ○	3 ○	4 ○	5 ○



Section 3

This section of the Dog-Owner Relationship Survey asks questions about dog ownership. Please read the selections carefully as the answer scale is not the same for all questions.

For the questions below, estimate the frequency of the following situations.

	Never	Once a year	Once a month	Once a week	At least once a day
How often do you feel that looking after your dog is a chore? [afus_mdors_20_care_is_chore]	5 ○	4 ○	3 ○	2 ○	1 ○
How often does your dog stop you from doing things you want to? [afus_mdors_21_interferes_with_activities]	5 ○	4 ○	3 ○	2 ○	1 ○
How often do you feel that having a dog is more trouble than it is worth? [afus_mdors_22_more_trouble_than_its_worth]	5 ○	4 ○	3 ○	2 ○	1 ○

Please indicate your level of agreement with the statements below.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
It is annoying that I sometimes have to change my plans because of my dog. [afus_mdors_23_annoying_to_change_plans]	5 ○	4 ○	3 ○	2 ○	1 ○
It bothers me that my dog stops me from doing things I enjoyed doing before I owned them. [afus_mdors_24_stopped_enjoyable_activities]	5 ○	4 ○	3 ○	2 ○	1 ○
There are major aspects of owning a dog I don't like. [afus_mdors_25_dont_like_ownership]	5 ○	4 ○	3 ○	2 ○	1 ○
My dog makes too much mess. [afus_mdors_26_makes_mess]	5 ○	4 ○	3 ○	2 ○	1 ○
My dog costs too much money. [afus_mdors_27_costs_money]	5 ○	4 ○	3 ○	2 ○	1 ○

For the question below, indicate the personal impact of dog care on your life.

	Very easy	Easy	Neither hard nor easy	Hard	Very hard
How hard is it to look after your dog? [afus_mdors_28_hard_to_care_for]	5 ○	4 ○	3 ○	2 ○	1 ○



Woof! Thank you very much for completing the Dog-Owner Relationship Survey. This information will be used in conjunction with the information you provided about your dog in the Behavior section of the Health and Life Experience Survey to help us better understand canine interactions with their humans. As dog lovers, we know how special this relationship can be.

Please click Submit below to finalize your answers and close this task.

Calculated variable	Description	Calculation
afus_mdors_subscale_dog_owner_interaction	Dog-Owner Interaction Subscale = sum(Q1:Q9)	[afus_mdors_1_play_games] + [afus_mdors_2_treats] + [afus_mdors_3_kiss] + [afus_mdors_4_dog_in_car] + [afus_mdors_5_hug] + [afus_mdors_6_relaxing_together] + [afus_mdors_7_grooming_frequency] + [afus_mdors_8_visiting_other_people] + [afus_mdors_9_buy_presents]
afus_mdors_subscale_perceived_emotional_closeness	Perceived Emotional Closeness Subscale = sum(Q10:Q19)	[afus_mdors_10_get_through_tough_times] + [afus_mdors_11_dog_for_comfort] + [afus_mdors_12_close_proximity] + [afus_mdors_13_constant_companionship] + [afus_mdors_14_there_for_me] + [afus_mdors_15_reason_to_get_up] + [afus_mdors_16_never_apart] + [afus_mdors_17_constantly_attentive] + [afus_mdors_18_share_secrets] + [afus_mdors_19_trauma_of_death]
afus_mdors_subscale_perceived_costs	Perceived Costs Subscale = sum (Q20:Q28)	[afus_mdors_20_care_is_chore] + [afus_mdors_21_interferes_with_activities] + [afus_mdors_22_more_trouble_than_its_worth] + [afus_mdors_23_annoying_to_change_plans] + [afus_mdors_24_stopped_enjoyable_activities] + [afus_mdors_25_dont_like_ownership] + [afus_mdors_26_makes_mess] + [afus_mdors_27_costs_money] + [afus_mdors_28_hard_to_care_for]