



This section of the Annual Follow-Up collects information on a wide range of canine behaviors in many different contexts. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. Like humans, every dog has a unique personality.

The questions in this section of the Annual Follow-Up probably won't capture every situation or every nuance of behavior for your dog. This section is intended to be an overview of common behaviors. Two other sections, Eating Behavior and Dog-Owner Relationship, will go into greater depth in these areas.

As you consider the questions on the subsequent screens, please answer based on how your dog has been behaving in the last few months. As the years pass, we'll be able to compare changes in behavior with age and health status.

Please try to answer all of the questions. Only leave a question blank if you cannot answer it for some reason such as that you have never observed your dog in the situation described.

Section 1: Excitability

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

	Calm: little or no special reaction 0		Mild to moderate excitability 2		Extremely excitable: overreacts, hard to calm down 4
Just before being taken for a walk [afus_db_excitement_level_before_walk]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Just before being taken on a car trip [afus_db_excitement_level_before_car_ride]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section 2: Aggression

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

	No aggression: no visible signs of aggression 0		Moderate aggression: growling/barking, baring teeth 2		Serious aggression: snaps, bites or attempts to bite 4
When approached directly by an unfamiliar person while being walked/exercised on a leash [afus_db_aggression_level_on_leash_unknown]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When toys, bones or other objects are taken away by a household member [afus_db_aggression_level_toys_taken_away]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When approached directly by a household member while s/he (the dog) is eating [afus_db_aggression_level_approached_while_eating]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When letter carriers or other delivery workers approach your home [afus_db_aggression_level_delivery_workers_at_home]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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When his/her food is taken away by a family member [afus_db_aggression_level_food_taken_away]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When approached directly by an unfamiliar dog while being walked/exercised on a leash [afus_db_aggression_level_on_leash_unknown_dog]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When strangers walk past your home when your dog is outside or in the yard [afus_db_aggression_level_unknown_human_near_yard]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When barked, growled, or lunged at by another (unfamiliar) dog [afus_db_aggression_level_unknown_aggressive_dog]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When approached while eating by another (familiar) household dog (leave blank if no other dogs) [afus_db_aggression_level_familiar_dog_while_eating]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When approached while playing with/chewing a favorite toy, bone, object, etc., by another (familiar) household dog (leave blank if no other dogs) [afus_db_aggression_level_familiar_dog_while_playing]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section 3: Fear and Anxiety

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 scale (0 = No fear to 4 = Extreme fear), please indicate your dog's recent tendency to display fearful behavior in the following circumstances.

	No fear or anxiety: no visible signs of fear 0		Mild to moderate fear or anxiety 2		Extreme fear: cowers; retreats or hides 4
When approached directly by an unfamiliar person while away from your home [afus_db_fear_level_unknown_human_away_from_home]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In response to sudden or loud noises (e.g., thunder, vacuum cleaner, car backfire, road drills, objects being dropped, etc.) [afus_db_fear_level_loud_noises]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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	No fear or anxiety: no visible signs of fear 0		Mild to moderate fear or anxiety 2		Extreme fear: cowers; retreats or hides 4
When an unfamiliar person tries to touch or pet the dog [afus_db_fear_level_unknown_human_touch]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In response to strange or unfamiliar objects on or near the sidewalk (e.g., plastic trash bags, leaves, litter, flags flapping, etc.) [afus_db_fear_level_unknown_objects_outside]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When approached directly by an unfamiliar dog [afus_db_fear_level_unknown_dogs]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When first exposed to unfamiliar situations (e.g., first car trip, first time in elevator, first visit to veterinarian, etc.) [afus_db_fear_level_unknown_situations]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When barked, growled, or lunged at by an unfamiliar dog [afus_db_fear_level_unknown_aggressive_dog]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When having nails clipped by a household member [afus_db_fear_level_nails_clipped_at_home]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When groomed or bathed by a household member [afus_db_fear_level_bathed_at_home]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section 4: Separation-related Behavior

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 their own? Please select the best description of the frequency of the behavior.

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Restlessness/agitation/pacing [afus_db_left_alone_restlessness_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Barking or whining [afus_db_left_alone_barking_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Chewing/scratching at doors, floor, windows, curtains, etc. [afus_db_left_alone_scratching_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>



Section 5: Attachment and Attention-seeking

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 select the best description of the frequency of the behavior.

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Tends to follow you (or other members of the household) around the house, from room to room [afus_db_attention_seeking_follows_humans_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Tends to sit close to, or in contact with, you (or others) when you are sitting down [afus_db_attention_seeking_sits_close_to_humans_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>

Section 6: Training Difficulty

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.

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Obeys a “sit” command immediately [afus_db_training_obeyes_sit_command_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Obeys a “stay” command immediately [afus_db_training_obeyes_stay_command_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Easily distracted by interesting sights, sounds or smells [afus_db_training_distraction_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>

Section 7: Miscellaneous Behaviors

Dogs display a wide range of miscellaneous behaviors 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.

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Chases or would chase birds, given the chance [afus_db_chases_birds_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Chases or would chase squirrels, rabbits, etc., given the chance [afus_db_chases_squirrels_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Escapes or would escape from home or yard, given the chance [afus_db_escapes_home_or_property_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Chews inappropriate objects [afus_db_chews_inappropriate_objects_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Pulls excessively hard when on the leash [afus_db_pulls_leash_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>



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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.

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Urinates against objects/furnishings in your home [afus_db_urinates_in_home_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Urinates when left alone at night or during the daytime [afus_db_urinates_alone_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Defecates when left alone at night or during the daytime [afus_db_defecates_alone_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Hyperactive, restless, has trouble settling down [afus_db_hyperactive_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Playful, puppyish, boisterous [afus_db_playful_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Active, energetic, always on the go [afus_db_energetic_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Chases own tail/hind end [afus_db_chases_tail_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>
Barks persistently when alarmed or excited [afus_db_barks_frequency]	0 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>

Woof! Thank you for telling us more about your dog's behavior. The observations you make about your dog over the years are an incredibly valuable part of our longitudinal dataset. This is an area where you are definitely the expert!

If you're ready to move on, continue with the next section once you are returned to the portal. If your dog is giving you the behavioral clues that say it's time to go for a walk, better grab the leash! All your answers have been saved, and you can return to your personal portal to continue at any time.

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