

All guestions are required unless stated otherwise. Please answer to the best of your ability.

The following questions are designed to allow you to describe how your dog has been behaving in the recent past (i.e., during the last few months). Please try to answer all of the questions. Only leave a question blank if you cannot answer it for some reason (for instance, if you have never observed the 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, 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	0	0	0	0	0		
Just before being taken on a car trip	0	0	0	0	0		

#### **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, 4= Serious aggression), please indicate your own dog's aggressive behavior in the following circumstances.

	No aggression: no visible signs of aggression 0		oderate aggression: growling/barking, baring teeth 2		Serious aggression: snaps, bites or attempts to bite 4
When approached directly by an unfamiliar person wh being walked/exercised on a leash	ile O	0	0	0	0
When toys, bones or other objects are taken away by a household member	a O	0	0	0	0
When approached directly by a household member when s/he (the dog) is eating	nile O	0	0	0	0
When letter carriers or other delivery workers approacy your home	ch O	0	0	0	0
When his/her food is taken away by a family member	0	0	0	0	0
When approached directly by an unfamiliar dog while being walked/exercised on a leash	0	0	0	0	0



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When strangers walk past your home when your dog i outside or in the yard	s O	0	Ο	0	Ο
When barked, growled, or lunged at by another (unfamiliar) dog	0	0	0	0	0
When approached while eating by another (familiar) household dog (leave blank if no other dogs)	0	Ο	0	0	0
When approached while playing with/chewing a favor toy, bone, object, etc., by another (familiar) household dog (leave blank if no other dogs)		0	0	0	0

#### **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, 4= Extreme fear), please indicate your own dog's recent tendency to display fearful behavior in the following circumstances.

	No fear/anxiety: No visible signs of fear 0		Mild to moderate fear/anxiety 2		Extreme fear: cowers; retreats or hides, etc. 4
When approached directly by an unfamiliar person whaway from your home	nile O	0	0	0	0
In response to sudden or loud noises (e.g., thunder, vacuum cleaner, car backfire, road drills, objects being dropped, etc.)	0	0	Ο	0	0
When an unfamiliar person tries to touch or pet the d	og O	0	0	0	0
In response to strange or unfamiliar objects on or nea the sidewalk (e.g., plastic trash bags, leaves, litter, flag flapping, etc.)		0	Ο	0	0
When approached directly by an unfamiliar dog	0	0	0	0	0



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	No fear/anxiety: no visible signs of fear 0		Mild-Moderate fear/anxiety 2		Extreme fear: cowers; retreats or hides, etc. 4
When first exposed to unfamiliar situations (e.g., first trip, first time in elevator, first visit to veterinarian, etc.		0	0	0	0
When barked, growled, or lunged at by an unfamiliar of	dog O	0	Ο	0	0
When having nails clipped by a household member	0	0	0	0	0
When groomed or bathed by a household member	0	0	0	0	0

#### **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 its own? Please check appropriate boxes.

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always	
Restlessness/agitation/pacing	0	0	0	0	0	
Barking or whining	0	0	0	0	0	
Chewing/scratching at doors, floor, windows, curtains, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	

#### **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?

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Tends to follow you (or other members of the household) around the house, from room to room	0	0	0	0	0
Tends to sit close to, or in contact with, you (or others) when you are sitting down	0	0	0	0	0

### **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	0	0	0	0	0	
Obeys a "stay" command immediately	0	0	0	0	0	
Easily distracted by interesting sights, sounds or smells	0	0	0	0	0	

#### **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	0	0	0	0	0
Chases or would chase squirrels, rabbits, etc., given the chance	0	0	0	0	0
Escapes or would escape from home or yard, given the chance	0	0	0	0	0
Chews inappropriate objects	0	0	0	0	0
Pulls excessively hard when on the leash	0	0	0	0	0
Urinates against objects/furnishings in your home	0	0	0	0	0
Urinates when left alone at night or during the daytime	0	0	0	0	0
Defecates when left alone at night or during the daytime	0	0	0	0	0
Hyperactive, restless, has trouble settling down	0	0	0	0	0
Playful, puppyish, boisterous	0	0	0	0	0
Active, energetic, always on the go	0	0	0	0	0



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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	
Chases own tail/hind end	0	0	0	0	0	
Barks persistently when alarmed or excited	0	0	0	0	0	

Woof! You've successfully completed the Behavior section of the Health and Life Experience Survey! We know that no two dogs are the same. Each one has a unique personality and preferences. Describing the range of these is an important mission for our project. If you're ready to move on, please continue with the next section once you are returned to the portal. If it's time to take your dog for a walk, don't worry. All your answers have been saved, and you can return to your personal portal to continue at any time.