

Relationship Expectation Questionnaire

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Owner Questions

The owner questions serve to gather demographic information about dog owners and the email address (which serves as a unique identifier) is used to associate dog owner responses with the responses for their dog. These questions are asked once per dog owner.

1. What is your email? * [email]
2. What is your postal code (zip code)? [string]
3. What is your gender? [choose 1]
 - A. Female
 - B. Male
4. What is your age? [integer]

Dog Questions

Questions 1 through 15 are asked for each dog. Questions 16 through 23 are only answered when the owner has indicated they are filling in the questionnaire for their last dog.

Repeatable Questions

1. What is the name of the dog you would like to submit a response for? * [string]
2. How long were you thinking about adding a new dog to the family before you brought <dog> home? * [choose 1]
 - A. Less than 1 week
 - B. 1 week – 6 months
 - C. 6+ months – 6 years
 - D. 6+ years
3. What was your primary motivation for getting <dog>? * [choose 1]
 - A. Companionship and affection
 - B. Social interaction
 - C. Exercise, adventure partner
 - D. Protection
 - E. Working or sporting
 - F. Someone else in the home wanted a dog (e.g., kids, spouse)
 - G. Companion for another dog or pet
4. Where did you acquire <dog> from? * [choose 1]
 - A. Breeder
 - B. Online
 - C. Local pet shop
 - D. Shelter/Rescue
 - E. Family member or friend
 - F. Found roaming
 - G. Another country or island

5. Please select the characteristic you found most important when choosing <dog>? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
6. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
7. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
8. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
9. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
10. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size

- D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
11. Were your primary relationship expectations met? * [choose 1]
- A. Yes
 - B. Partially, I grew to love the dog over time
 - C. Partially, I accepted the dog and made it work
 - D. No, the dog was not a good match
12. Do you still live with <dog>? * [choose 1]
- A. Yes [skip to 15]
 - B. No
13. How long did you and <dog> live together? * [choose 1]
- A. Less than 1 week
 - B. 1 week – 6 months
 - C. 6+ months – 6 years
 - D. 6+ years
14. Where is <dog> now? * [choose 1]
- A. Rehomed
 - B. Surrendered to shelter/rescue
 - C. Euthanized
 - D. Ran away/got lost
 - E. Passed
15. Would you like to enter information for another dog you own(ed)? [choose 1]
- A. Yes [submit and restart at 1]
 - B. No
16. Would you ever consider bringing another dog into your life? * [choose 1]
- A. Yes
 - B. No [submit and exit]
17. Which characteristic would you find most important when considering another dog to bring into your life? [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
18. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior

- F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
19. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
20. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
21. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
22. What is the next most important characteristic? * [choose 1]
- A. Appearance
 - B. Breed
 - C. Size
 - D. Age
 - E. Individual personality/behavior
 - F. Trainability
 - G. Compatibility with other pets in the home
23. If you were to bring another dog into your life, where are you likely to get that dog? * [choose 1]
- A. Breeder
 - B. Online
 - C. Local pet shop
 - D. Shelter/Rescue
 - E. Family member or friend
 - F. Roaming
 - G. Another country or island