

GUIDE DOG ASSESSMENT

BEHAVIOUR CHECKLIST QUESTIONNAIRE – PUPPY RAISING

SEPARATION ANXIETY

Restless, vocalizes, and/or becomes destructive when left alone

Score

| Absent | Very Mild | Mild | Moderate | Severe | N/A |
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Definitions

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| Absent | Shows no signs of distress when left alone. |
| Very mild | Very mild whining and/or is very mildly restless initially when left alone but settles and quiets within 5 minutes |
| Mild | Mild whining and/or a few barks and/or is mildly restless when left alone but settles and quiets eventually within 5 minutes. |
| Moderate | Moderate whining and/or barking and/or moderately agitated and restless when left alone. Vocalizes throughout the duration of separation. |
| Severe | Very vocal and/or very agitated and distressed when left alone. May be destructive or self-mutilates |

ANXIOUS ABOUT RIDING IN VEHICLES

Avoids getting into vehicle, does not settle when riding

Score

| Absent | Very Mild | Mild | Moderate | Severe | N/A |
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Definitions

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| Absent | Unfazed getting into and riding in cars and vans. Remains relaxed. |
| Very mild | Initial slight signs of stress related anxiety when getting into and riding in cars and vans. Recovers very quickly and remains able to work & respond effectively. Signs may include infrequent tongue flicking, mild restlessness and/or slight loss of responsiveness to work. |

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| Mild | Mild signs of stress related anxiety getting into and riding in cars and vans. Recovers quickly. Signs may include frequent tongue flicking, moderate restlessness, slight rushing and/or mild loss of responsiveness to work. |
| Moderate | Moderate stress related anxiety and slow recovery getting into and riding in cars and vans. Signs may include very frequent tongue flicking, restlessness, panting, whining, fast jerky movements, inhibited, compressed and/or seeking some handler support. Maintains work with encouragement. |
| Severe | Severe stress related anxiety getting into and riding in cars and vans. Fails to recover to previous level of composure and responsiveness. Signs may include rushing, very frequent tongue flicking, whining, fast jerky movements, inhibited, compressed and/or clinging to handler. Does not maintain work. |

HIGH ENERGY LEVEL

Requires more energy outlets than the average dog to achieve a calm demeanor

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| Absent | Very Mild | Mild | Moderate | Severe | N/A |
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Definitions

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| Absent | Requires minimal exercise or activity; may prefer to be sedentary. Content to lie down calmly for much of the day. Settles down quickly after a period of activity. |
| Very mild | Requires average exercise and activity to maintain a calm demeanor. May need only one short exercise period daily. Occasionally needs additional energy outlets to settle down and lie calmly with short periods of chewing toys or activity through the day. |
| Mild | Requires above average exercise to maintain a calm demeanor. Frequently needs additional energy outlets to settle down and lie calmly with short periods of chewing toys or activity through the day. |
| Moderate | Requires above average exercise and is frequently unable to maintain a calm demeanor despite exercise. Frequently needs atypically large amounts of energy outlets to settle down and does not consistently lie calmly with short periods of chewing toys or activity through the day. |
| Severe | Requires above average exercise and is rarely able to maintain a calm demeanor despite exercise. Consistently needs atypically large amounts of energy outlets to settle down and does not consistently lie calmly with short periods of chewing toys or activity through the day. |

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR AROUND THE HOME

Chews household items, steals food or other items, tries to take things off counter tops, tables, etc. or out of garbage can. Carries or moves household objects.

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| Absent | Very Mild | Mild | Moderate | Severe | N/A |
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Definitions

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| Absent | Can be reliably trusted not to chew valuables, take things from counters, take garbage or get on the furniture in familiar places, and easily adapts to new places. |
| Very mild | Attempts to get on furniture or move household items, but is not destructive and will not counter surf or take items from an open top trash can. |
| Mild | Attempts to get on furniture or move household items, but is not destructive and will not counter surf. The dog might play a little “keep away” (taking an object and moving away/running off with it), but it is not persistent and will give up item readily. The dog may check counters and garbage cans, but will not jump up or knock over. |
| Moderate | Will attempt two or more inappropriate behaviors around the home such as chewing household items, taking things from counters, taking garbage or getting on the furniture in familiar places. Cannot be trusted to be left alone. The dog is moderately persistent when playing “keep away” and will not give up the item regularly. |
| Severe | The dog is older than 12 months and will attempt two or more inappropriate behaviors around the home such as chewing household items, taking things from counters, taking garbage or getting on the furniture in familiar places. Cannot be trusted to be left alone and is persistent when playing “keep away” and will not give up the item. |

THUNDER REACTION

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| Absent | Very Mild | Mild | Moderate | Severe | N/A |
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Definitions

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| Absent | No change in dog’s demeanor just prior to, during or immediately after a thunderstorm. |
| Very mild | Very mild awareness of thunderstorm by stopping activity and/or turning attention to effects of thunderstorm for a few seconds then resumes normal behavior; does not interfere with work. |

