

Behavior Checklist Definitions Bulleted Format- 2018_1107

1. Anxious In Unfamiliar Situations

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Initially anxious during first visits to unfamiliar locations. Exhibited as increased or inhibited activity, cautious and/or less responsive or focused.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfazed • Remains relaxed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial slight signs of anxiety Signs may include - mild tongue flicking - Mild restlessness or slowing - slight loss of responsiveness • Recovers very quickly • Remains able to work and respond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild or moderate signs of anxiety Signs may include - frequent tongue flicking - Moderate restlessness or slowing - mild loss of responsiveness • Recovers quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pronounced signs of anxiety Signs may include - frequent tongue flicking - panting, whining, fast jerky movements, - inhibited, compressed - escape behavior - seeking some handler support • Recovers slowly • Maintains work with encouragement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very strong anxiety Signs may include - frequent tongue flicking - panting, whining, fast jerky movements, - inhibited, compressed - escape behavior - clinging to handler • Fails to recover to previous level of composure and responsiveness • Does not maintain work.

2. Noise Fear

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Startle, tense body language, hurries, escape or displacement behaviors when exposed to noise such as car horns, hair dryers, vacuums, banging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No startle response, fear or apprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild signs of concern or startle that may include: • Mild to moderate change in energy (slowing down or speeding up) • Mild to moderate tense body language with rapid return to normal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild signs of concern or startle that may include: • Very slight change in energy (slowing down or speeding up) • Slightly tense body language with almost immediate return to normal. • Improves with subsequent exposure. • Maintains work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate signs of concern or startle that may include: • Moderate change in energy (slowing down or speeding up) • Moderate tense body language • Coping strategy of moving away slightly, • Release of emotional energy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe signs of concern or fear reaction that may include: • Moderate to severe change in energy (slowing down or speeding up) • Very tense body language • Strong coping strategy of moving away. • Release of emotional energy.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No concern noted if exposure repeated. Maintains work. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 1 minute of habituation time. Interferes with dog's ability to maintain work without encouragement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 1 minute of habituation time despite support. Does not maintain work despite encouragement
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3. Fear of Novel objects

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Fearful, avoidant or suspicious of unfamiliar objects, which could be anything, but common examples are plastic bags, statues, yard equipment, balloons, etc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No startle response, fear or apprehension Readily approaches and investigates Maintains work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very mild signs of concern or startle. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> very slight slowing down or speeding up slight tense body language with almost immediate return to normal no concern if exposure is repeated and will generally investigate object once over initial concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mild signs of concern or startle <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mild to moderate slowing down or speeding up mild to moderate tense body language with rapid return to normal mild reluctance to approach and investigate but will do with encouragement <p>Improves with subsequent exposures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate signs of concern or startle <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> moderate slowing down or speeding up and/or tense body language may move away slightly mild to strong reluctance to approach object despite encouragement may release emotional energy by increased activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interferes with ability to maintain work without encouragement, and slow to habituate, needing up to 1 minute despite support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe concern or fear reaction <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> moderate to severe slowing down or speeding up, and/or very tense body language may exhibit strong coping strategy of moving away Strong reluctance to approach object despite encouragement may release emotion energy by increased activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interferes with ability to maintain work despite encouragement and slow to habituate

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4. Fear of Underfootings

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Fearful, nervous, apprehensive of various walking surfaces: slippery floors, gratings, other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fear or apprehension when approaching different walking surfaces (slippery floors, gratings); crosses over them without changing pace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very mild signs of avoidance when approaching or walking on different surfaces (slippery floors, gratings). <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> slight hesitancy to step on, very mild hurrying across surface, mildly tense body language Maintains work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mild signs of avoidance when approaching or walking on different surfaces. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mild hesitancy to step on with mild transient compression, mild hurrying across surface, moderately tense body language Improves with subsequent exposure without encouragement from handler. Maintains work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate signs of avoidance when approaching or walking on different surfaces <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> balking on approach, attempts to jump over, hurrying to get off surface slowing down dramatically. will always tend to avoid them, but not at the expense of making a clearance error or endangering the person Requires encouragement to maintain work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fearful when approaching or walking on different surfaces <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hesitancy, hurrying, balking or refusal very tense body language will avoid them even if it results in a clearance error or other mistake that may endanger the person. Does not maintain work

5. Fear of Dogs

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Inhibited response to other dogs on leash or off leash such as low body posture, pulling back, head low, apprehensive, avoidant, hackles, withdraws, reluctant to proceed, watches</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows no signs of fear or suspicion of unfamiliar dogs • Comfortable around other dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slightly cautious when approached by isolated unfamiliar dogs <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very mildly raised hackles - very mild slowing down - tail low, and/or slight avoidance - quickly refocuses on work with verbal encouragement - recovers immediately • Remains responsive to handler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally mild cautious around other dogs <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mildly raised hackles - mild slowing down, - moving away from and/or avoiding an approaching dog - may briefly vocalize - recovers quickly once past the dog • Responds readily to handler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderately cautious around other dogs <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderately raised hackles - low body posture - pulling back - head low - watching other dog closely but typically without facing them directly - repeated vocalizations • Requires a lot of handler support in the presence of other dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very cautious or fearful of other dogs and typically avoids them <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stress and/or fear (very raised hackles, tongue flicking, trembling, growling, retreat, escape). - May become aggressive when in a situation where it can't easily escape ('cornered') • Requires a lot of handler support in the presence of other dogs

6. Fear of Stairs

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Hurries, refuses, or hesitant on stairs: closed stairs, open back stairs, open grate stairs, up stairs, down stairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is relaxed getting on, or going up and down stairs of all types 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild signs of avoidance when approaching or walking on stairs <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - slight hesitancy to step on - very mild hurrying on stairs - very mild tense body language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild signs of avoidance when approaching or walking on stairs <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mild hesitancy to step on with mild transient compression - mild hurrying on stairs - mildly tense body language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves with subsequent exposures • Maintains work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate signs of avoidance or concern when approaching or walking on stairs <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - balking on approach - attempts to jump off - hurrying up then whining and hesitant to go down, - placing front feet on stairs but not rear feet at first then getting on stairs - compresses when moving on stairs - rushes to exit - not comfortable matching speed to handler or waiting on stairs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interferes with ability to maintain work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fearful when approaching or walking on stairs <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hesitancy, hurrying, balking or refusal - very tense body language. - will avoid stairs or hurry when moving on them even if it results in a clearance error or other mistake that may endanger the person. - rushes to exit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not maintain work.

7. Fear of Traffic

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Tense body language, tail low or tucked, change in activity level, startle, retreat, escape in response to sight and sounds of vehicle traffic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is comfortable and at ease around traffic regardless of intensity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slightly apprehensive around heavy or noisy traffic <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mild tongue flicking, and/or mildly tense body language (ears low & pulled back slightly, lips pulled back). - recovers quickly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mildly apprehensive or distressed around heavy or noisy traffic <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very mild hurrying to walk away from area - frequent tongue flicking, - transient mild panting and/or moderately tense body language - good recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains work and improves with subsequent exposure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate signs of apprehension or distress around heavy or noisy traffic <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderate hurrying to walk away from area, - tense body language, - startle with quick recovery and does not retreat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loses focus on work but handler can support dog through it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fearful around traffic <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tense body language - retreat - startle - slow recovery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot perform its work and tries to escape.

8. Separation Anxiety

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Restless, vocalizes, and/or becomes destructive when left alone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows no signs of distress when left alone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild whining and/or is very mildly restless initially when left alone • Settles and quiets within 5 minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild whining and/or a few barks and/or is mildly restless when left alone • Settles and quiets eventually within 5 minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate whining and/or barking and/or moderately agitated and restless when left alone. • Vocalizes throughout the duration of separation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very vocal and/or very agitated and distressed when left alone. • May be destructive or self-mutilates

9. Hyper-Attachment

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Overly attached to primary handler, seeks to return to primary handler when handled by others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readily adapts to new handler or caretaker even when primary handler is visible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates slight attachment to primary handler and familiar individuals <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - looking for handler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readily adapts to a new handler or caretaker who provides support for short periods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates mild attachment to primary handler and familiar individuals <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - looking for handler - exhibiting mild anxiety with or without minor vocalizing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • readily adapts to new handler or caretaker with support, which may include use of food. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms strong attachments to primary handler and familiar individuals <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prolonged seeking of primary handler - moderate anxiety and difficulty and/or unwillingness to work with and respond to new handler despite providing support. - difficulty staying on task. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapts slowly to new handler or caretaker even when primary handler is not visible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms very strong attachments to primary handler and familiar individuals <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - severe anxiety and prolonged inability or unwillingness to work with and respond to new handler despite providing support. - unable to stay on task. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very slow adaptation to new handler or caretaker if primary handler is not present

10. Fear of Strangers

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Fearful, nervous, apprehensive with strangers, cautious, avoidant, hackling, slow approach, keying in, barking, growling, escape</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows no signs of fear or suspicion of unfamiliar people; comfortable around strangers regardless of strange appearance or behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slightly cautious when approached by or moving past isolated unfamiliar people <p>When approached, signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> turning head away looking in other direction and/or leaning body away slightly. <p>When moving past, signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> watching person and/or slightly slowing down. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quickly recovers however may need a little verbal encouragement from handler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mildly cautious when approached by or moving past isolated unfamiliar people <p>When approached, signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> moving body away to avoid slight compression of body. <p>When moving past, signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mild slowing down mild focus on person mild hackling and/or mild compression of the body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quickly recovers once past the person however may need support and encouragement from the handler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderately cautious when approached by or moving past isolated unfamiliar people. <p>When approached, signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> low body posture moderately pulling back to avoid contact, moderate raised hackles and/or may vocalize. <p>When moving past, signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> moderately slowing down and/or hesitancy to pass by, moderate focus on person, moderate raised hackles, vocalization moderate compression of the body. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slower to recover even with support from the handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very cautious when approached by or moving past isolated unfamiliar people. <p>When approached, signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> dilated eyes, very raised hackles trembling vocalizing, retreat and/or escape. may become aggressive in a situation where it can't easily escape ('cornered'). is unable to work past person may vocalize and/or severe compression of the body. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very slow to recover even with support from the handler

11. Body Handling Concern

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Avoidant, anxious, fearful and/or aggressive when handled for non-invasive activities in a manner typical of a vet exam, grooming and/or nail clipping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relaxed when handled for non-invasive activities in a manner typical of a vet exam, grooming, nail clipping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild signs of concern <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very mild tongue flicking - very mildly tense body language and muscle tone - yawning when handled for non-invasive activities in a manner typical of a vet exam, grooming, nail clipping. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is not difficult to manage and needs no or minimal supportive handling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild signs of concern <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mildly activated or inhibited - mild tongue flicking - mildly tense body language and muscle tone, when handled for non-invasive activities in a manner typical of a vet exam, grooming, nail clipping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires supportive handling to remain manageable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate signs of concern <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderately activated or inhibited - moderate tongue flicking - moderately tense body language and muscle tone, yawning and/or panting when handled for non-invasive activities in a manner typical of a vet exam, grooming, nail clipping. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to manage despite significant supportive handling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very fearful signs of concern <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - severely activated or inhibited. - escaping or attempting to escape, - growling, having raised hackles, baring teeth, snapping and/or attempting to bite when handled for non-invasive activities in a manner typical of a vet exam, grooming, nail clipping. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very difficult to manage despite significant attempts of supportive handling

12. Retreats when reached for

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Moves head or face away when reached for by familiar persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not move head or face away when reached for by familiar persons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mildly moves head or face away when reached for by familiar persons. • With a little encouragement, readily allows being reached for without a food lure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mildly moves head or face away when reached for by familiar persons. • Readily responds to a food lure and/or encouragement not to retreat when reached for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderately moves head or face away when reached for by familiar persons. • Hesitantly responds to a food lure and/or encouragement not to retreat when reached for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severely moves head or face away when reached for by familiar persons. • Slowly responds to a food lure and/or encouragement but remains tentative or continues to retreat when reached for

13. Harness sensitivity

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Drops rear quarters when harness handle lays on back</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog does not demonstrate any drop in body when harness handle lies on its back vs. when handle is not on its back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog initially shows very mild crouching, dropping no more than one quarter lower than its normal walking height when the harness handle lies on its back and when working • Acclimates within a few minutes, resuming walking almost naturally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog initially shows mild crouching, dropping to no more than half its natural walking height when harness handle lies on its back and when working • Acclimates within a few minutes, resuming walking almost naturally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog initially shows moderate crouching, dropping very low to the ground and walking in a deeply crouched position, but • Acclimates within a few minutes when working and resumes walking almost naturally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog shows severe crouching, dropping very low to the ground and walking in a deeply crouched position with knees within a few inches of the ground when harness handle lies on back. • Acclimation to harness handle on back is very slow

14. Avoidance of blowing fan

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Fearful or avoidant when walking past a blowing fan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfazed walking by blowing fan. Remains relaxed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial very mild signs of anxiety walking closely past blowing fan. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mild tongue flicking - mild restlessness - slight loss of responsiveness to work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovers very quickly and remains able to work & respond effectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild signs of anxiety walking closely past blowing fan <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - frequent tongue flicking - moderate restlessness - slight hurrying - mild loss of responsiveness to work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovers quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate anxiety walking closely past blowing fan <p>Signs may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - restlessness - panting, whining - fast jerky movements - moderately inhibited, compressed - seeking some handler support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow recovery but maintains work with encouragement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe anxiety walking closely past blowing fan <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rushing - tongue flicking whining - fast jerky movements - strongly inhibited, compressed - clinging to handler. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not maintain work. Fails to recover to previous level of composure and responsiveness

15. Body sensitivity to object contact

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Inhibited by physical contact with objects other than harness handle on back. Manifested by change in energy, mouthing the harness or other object, inhibited reaction or slowing down and/or avoiding or freezing when placing item over head or wearing items such as dog jackets or body of the harness, hypervigilance with foot placement, avoidance of tight spaces, focus 2-3 feet in front of the dog</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfazed by physical contact with objects such as stepping on rough surfaces, leaves, twigs etc.; collar or leash touching body, placing head into harness, wearing harness or other objects, etc. • Remains relaxed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial very mild signs of anxiety from physical contact with objects such as stepping on rough surfaces, leaves, twigs etc.; collar or leash touching body, placing head into harness and/or wearing harness or other objects. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - infrequent tongue flicking, - turning once to touch muzzle on item dog is wearing - mild slowing down - very mild avoidance - slight loss of responsiveness to work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovers very quickly and remains able to work & respond effectively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild signs of anxiety from physical contact with objects such as stepping on rough surfaces, leaves, twigs etc.; collar or leash touching body, placing head into harness and/or wearing harness or other objects. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - frequent tongue flicking - turning 2-3 times to touch muzzle on item dog is wearing - mild hypervigilance where stepping - moderate slowing down or restlessness - mild avoidance of tight spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovers quickly but has mild loss of responsiveness to work especially with clearances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate anxiety and slow recovery from physical contact with objects <p>Signs may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderate hypervigilance when walking on rough surfaces - turning 4-5 times to touch muzzle on item dog is wearing - circling in response to wearing item - avoidance of tight spaces - moderately avoiding harness being placed over head and/or wearing harness or other objects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains work with encouragement but has moderate loss of responsiveness to work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe anxiety from physical contact with objects <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hurrying - very frequent tongue flicking - severe hypervigilance when stepping - turning more than 5 times to touch muzzle on item dog is wearing - circling in response to wearing item - overriding the handler's instructions to avoid situation and/or freezing - strongly avoiding harness being placed over head and/or wearing harness or other objects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not maintain work and fails to recover to previous level of composure and responsiveness.

16. Anxious about riding in vehicles

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Avoids getting into vehicle, does not settle when riding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfazed getting into and riding in cars and vans. Remains relaxed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial slight signs of stress related anxiety when getting into and riding in cars and vans. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infrequent tongue flicking mild restlessness slight loss of responsiveness to work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovers very quickly and remains able to work & respond effectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mild signs of stress related anxiety getting into and riding in cars and vans. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> frequent tongue flicking moderate restlessness, slight rushing mild loss of responsiveness to work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovers quickly. Signs may include frequent tongue flicking, moderate restlessness, slight rushing and/or mild loss of responsiveness to work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate stress related anxiety and slow recovery getting into and riding in cars and vans. <p>Signs may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> very frequent tongue flicking restlessness, panting whining fast jerky movements inhibited compressed seeking some handler support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains work with encouragement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe stress related anxiety getting into and riding in cars and vans <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rushing very frequent tongue flicking whining fast jerky movements inhibited compressed clinging to handler does not maintain work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fails to recover to previous level of composure and responsiveness.

17. Inhibited or passively avoidant when exposed to potentially stressful situations

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Copes with stress poorly, evidenced passively such as shutting down, avoidance, withdrawal, displacement activity such as avoidant sniffing and/or quitting as a response to stress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No evidence of inhibited behavior when exposed to potentially stressful situations. Remains relaxed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a few isolated instances, becomes very mildly inhibited in response to stress. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very mildly slowing down - short periods of avoidance sniffing - very mild tongue flicking - responds readily to encouragement. - does not interfere with its ability to work or continue responding to handler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovers quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally becomes mildly inhibited in response to stress. The dog mildly internalizes stress. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mildly slowing down and mild withdrawing - mild panting - longer periods of avoidance sniffing - other avoidant responses - mild tongue flicking - does not interfere with its ability to work or continue responding to handler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovers reasonably quickly with encouragement or allowing time to process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becomes moderately inhibited in response to stress. The dog moderately internalizes stress. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderately slowing down and withdrawing - moderate panting - prolonged periods .of avoidance sniffing - other avoidant responses - may interfere with ability to work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not be able to continue responding to handler despite support and encouragement and/or allowing a short time to process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becomes severely inhibited in response to stress. The dog severely internalizes stress. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - shutting down - severely withdrawing - prolonged and/or severe panting - prolonged periods of moderate tongue flicking - avoidance sniffing and/or other avoidant responses - inability to respond to handler. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog is unable to work or continue responding to handler despite support and encouragement and/or allowing a short time to process.

18. Activated when exposed to potentially stressful situations

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Copes with stress poorly, evidenced by becoming more active such as faster movements, taking treats harder, more distracted or other displacement behaviors to release emotional energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No evidence of animated behavior when exposed to potentially stressful situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a few isolated instances, becomes very mildly animated in response to stress. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very mild increase in body movements - very mild tongue flicking - short periods of scavenging - sniffing - does not interfere with its ability to work or continue responding to handler. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovers very quickly with encouragement and/or allowing a short time to process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally becomes mildly animated in response to stress. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mild increase in body movements - mild tongue flicking - rare shaking of the head and/or scratching the body - mild panting - repeated scavenging or attempts to scavenge - does not interfere with its ability to work or continue responding to handler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovers reasonably quickly with encouragement and/or allowing a short time to process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becomes moderately animated in response to stress <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderate increase in body movements - some jerky body movements - running into things or showing less control of the body - moderate tongue flicking - occasional shaking of the head and/or scratching the body - moderate panting - repeated scavenging or attempts to scavenge - may interfere with ability to work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not be able to continue responding to handler despite support and encouragement and/or allowing a short time to process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Becomes hyper-animated in response to stress <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - severe increase in body movements - very jerky body movements - running into things or showing more frequent poor control of the body - very frequent tongue flicking - frequent shaking of the head and/or scratching the body - severe or prolonged - repeated scavenging or attempts to scavenge - inability to respond to handler. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog is unable to work or continue responding to handler despite support and encouragement and/or allowing a short time to process.

19. Excitable

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Increases energy and arousal levels without observed stress signals in response to stimuli such as, but not limited to, greeting a person, seeing another animal, being petted, anticipating going outside or for a walk or car ride; may whine in response to stimulus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remains calm in presence of exciting stimuli. No additional handler direction required to manage dog. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very mildly or mildly increases energy and arousal levels without observed stress signals in response to stimuli <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> very brief very mild to mildly increased body movements such as but not limited to brief attempts of non-forceful jumping, pawing or muzzling. Excitability does not interfere with working or responding to the handler when provided minimal encouragement, supportive direction and/or up to 15 seconds to process without handler intervention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderately increases energy and arousal levels without observed stress signals in response to stimuli. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> brief bursts of moderately increased body movements such as but not limited to light panting, 1 or 2 brief barks, repeated but controllable attempts of jumping, pawing and play biting, Excitability does not interfere with working or responding to the handler when supportive direction is provided or allowing up to 30 seconds to process without handler intervention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderately increases energy and arousal levels without observed stress signals in response to stimuli. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs may include: moderate increase in body movements, short periods of jerky body movements or one instance of running into things or showing less control of the body, moderate panting, prolonged or repeated barking that can be redirected. Excitability interferes with working or responding to the handler despite supportive direction. The dog is difficult to manage and/or requires over 30 seconds but less than 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becomes wildly excited in response to stimuli <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> severe increases in body movements, repeated periods of jerky body movements running into things or showing less control of the body moderate to severe panting prolonged or repeated behaviors such as barking, jumping, play biting that are very difficult or unable to be managed or redirected Dog is unable to work or continue responding to handler despite moderate to high levels of supportive direction. The dog is difficult to

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20. Slow to return to productive emotional state

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>It takes the dog a long time to recover its productive emotional state following exposure to an arousing or stressful stimulus situation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returns immediately (in less than 15 seconds) to productive emotional state after an exciting or stressful stimulus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returns very quickly (15 to 30 seconds) to productive emotional state after an exciting or stressful stimulus has passed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returns quickly (30 seconds to 2 minute) to productive emotional state after an exciting or stressful stimulus has passed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow to return (2 to 5 minutes) to productive emotional state following exposure after an exciting or stressful stimulus has passed. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occasional progressive increase in recovery time following repeated exposure to exciting and/or stressful stimuli. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very slow to return (> 5 minutes) to productive emotional state after an exciting or stressful stimulus has passed <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - often exhibits progressive increase in recovery time following repeated exposure to exciting and/or stressful stimuli.

21. Fidgety when handler is idle

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Unsettled and/or pursues own interests when handler is idle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waits patiently in a settled manner while handler is idle. • Settles very quickly or immediately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to wait patiently in a settled manner while handler is idle. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very mildly active - very mildly pursues other interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires up to 1 minute to settle and wait patiently when handler is idle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to wait patiently in a settled manner while handler is idle. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mildly active - mildly pursues other interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires up to 3 minutes to settle and wait patiently when handler is idle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to wait patiently in a settled manner while handler is idle. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderately active - moderately pursues other interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires up to 3-5 minutes to settle and wait patiently when handler is idle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to wait patiently in a settled manner while handler is idle. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hyperactive - strongly pursues other interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires >5 minutes to settle and wait patiently when handler is idle.

22. Fear on elevated areas, drop-offs etc.

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Dog is fearful, apprehensive, hesitant near platform edges or other elevated areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is relaxed when on elevated areas of all types 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild signs of caution when approaching edges or when on an elevated area. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very mild tense body language - hesitancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild signs of apprehension when approaching edges, drop-offs, or when on an elevated area <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mildly tense body language - mild hesitancy with mild transient compression - mild hurrying. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains work and improves with subsequent exposure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate signs of fear when approaching edges, drop-offs, or when on an elevated area <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderately tense body language - balking on approach - pulling away from the edge - moderate compression - is not comfortable matching speed to handler or waiting in the elevated area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interferes with ability to maintain work without handler support and encouragement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe signs of fear when approaching edges, drop-offs, or when on an elevated area <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - severely tense body language - severe balking - refusal on approach - severe pulling away from the edge - severe compression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not maintain work. Will not work effectively on elevated areas.

23. Barks persistently

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Barks persistently when alarmed or excited</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never or rarely barks when alarmed or excited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally will bark a few times when excited or alarmed • Quiets immediately with no intervention needed from the handler and while still in presence of exciting/alarming stimulus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally will bark a few times when excited or alarmed • Requires handler direction and/or support to quiet quickly while still in presence of exciting/alarming stimulus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often barks repeatedly when excited or alarmed • Typically requires repeated direction and/or support from handler to stop barking while in the presence of an exciting/alarming stimulus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often barks repeatedly when excited or alarmed • Will continue to bark as long as the exciting/alarming stimulus is present, despite repeated support from handler and/or efforts to redirect the behavior.

24. High energy level

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Requires more energy outlets than the average dog to achieve a calm demeanor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires average exercise and activity to maintain a calm demeanor. • May need only one short exercise period daily, or occasionally need additional energy outlets to settle down and lie calmly with short periods of chewing toys or activity through the day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

25. Lacks focus

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Looking around; attention moves from one stimulus to another without maintaining focus on task; has trouble staying on task</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog demonstrates a strong ability to concentrate on a task in all types of environments or work situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog demonstrates good ability to concentrate on a task in all types of environments or work situations. • Rarely loses focus a • Readily able to regain focus with minimal support from the handler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog demonstrates good ability to concentrate on a task in all types of environments or work situations. • Occasionally loses focus • Usually requires mild directive actions or other support from handler to regain focus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog demonstrates poorer ability to concentrate on a task in some environments or work situations. • Frequently loses focus • Requires moderate directive action or other support from the handler to regain focus, and difficult to work without a lot of intervention and or support to keep focused on the work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog demonstrates poor ability to concentrate on a task in some environments or work situations. • Very frequently loses focus moving from diversion to diversion • Regularly requires directive action or other support form handler to regain focus or is unable to regain focus. Unable to work without a lot intervention and/or support to keep focused on the work

26. Movement excites

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Easily distracted by non-animal movement: blowing leaves, flashlight, hose spraying water, etc., and has difficulty redirecting attention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog may ignore or briefly alert to movement such as light, leaves blowing, etc. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may briefly investigate or calmly follow movement when not working - does not interfere with work - does not exhibit signs of excitement evidenced by increased activity, vocalizing • Settles easily and remains responsive to the handler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog alerts to and exhibits very mild interest in movement such as light, leaves blowing, etc. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may get very mildly excited - very mild increased activity if not directed otherwise. • Settles readily and remains responsive to handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog alerts to and shows easily interruptible, mild interest in movement such as light, leaves blowing, etc. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may get mildly excited - mild increased activity - mild persistence - brief whining • Responds readily to direction from handler and may require 15 seconds or less to settle after stimulus is gone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog alerts to and exhibits moderate interest in movement such as light, leaves blowing, etc. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may get moderately excited - moderately increased activity - moderate persistence - moderate whining - mild barking • Decreased responsiveness to handler interfering with work and may require up to 3 minutes to fully settle after stimulus is gone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits a high level of interest in movement such as light, leaves blowing, etc. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may get severely excited - severely increased activity - moderate or severe persistence - moderate to severe whining - persistent barking • Decreased responsiveness to handler interfering with work and may require a prolonged time to fully settle after stimulus is gone.

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Excited by animals other than dogs (e.g. birds, insects, squirrels, rabbits, etc.) with persistent interest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely ignores No “prey drive.” • Remains focused on work regardless of movements in the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild distraction and interest in chasing or lunging at non-dog animals • Quickly refocuses on work with encouragement without handler intervention and settles readily even in presence of animals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild distraction and interest in chasing or lunging at non-dog animals • Remains responsive to handler. Able to refocus on work with mild handler intervention, does not exhibit persistent interest and settles readily even in presence of animals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate distraction and interest in chasing or lunging at non-dog animals • Becomes less responsive to handler for brief periods. Exhibits mildly persistent interest but will readily settle with increased distance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe distraction and persistent interest in chasing or lunging at non-dog animals • Is poorly responsive to handler. Difficult to regain focus on work and quickly returns attention to the chasing animals. Unable to maintain work focus.

28. Dog distraction

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Persistent interest in and high excitability level with other dog(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows little or no interest in other dogs and focus is unaffected by their presence. • Requires no intervention and/or support from handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few instances of losing focus and becoming very mildly distracted by another dog • Quickly refocuses with very mild handler intervention and/or support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally loses focus and becomes mildly distracted by another dog. • Requires mild handler intervention and/or support to regain focus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently loses focus and becomes moderately distracted around other dogs and/or • Persistent interest. Usually requires moderate handler intervention and/or support to regain focus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very dog oriented. Consistently distracted around other dogs • Persistent interest. Difficult or unable to regain focus despite handler intervention.

29. Sniffing

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Distracted by olfactory stimuli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely ignores olfactory stimuli or exhibits brief sniffing when not under command. • Remains focused on work. Does not exhibit persistent interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefly distracted by olfactory stimuli and exhibits very mild sniffing but quickly refocuses on work with encouragement. • Able to refocus on work with very mild handler intervention. • Does not exhibit persistent interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mildly distracted by olfactory stimuli and exhibits mild sniffing but remains responsive to handler. • Able to refocus on work with mild handler intervention. • Does not exhibit persistent interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderately distracted by olfactory stimuli and exhibits moderate sniffing • Becomes less responsive to handler for brief periods of 10 seconds or less and requires moderate handler intervention. • Exhibits moderately persistent interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly distracted by olfactory stimuli and exhibits excessive sniffing • Becomes less responsive to handler for periods greater than 10 seconds requiring significant handler intervention. • Difficult to regain focus on work and quickly returns attention to sniffing. • Exhibits very strong persistent interest.

30. Scavenges

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Scavenges for food or other items anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never scavenges at any time or in any location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scavenges in a few isolated instances but stops with a verbal cue and is easy to control. • Is not persistent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally scavenges but stops with a handler intervention and/or support. • Is not persistent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently scavenges and requires a high level of effort to redirect the behavior but stops eventually with handler intervention and/or support. • Is persistent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routinely scavenges and often returns to scavenging after handler intervention and/or support. • Is persistent.

31. Inappropriate behavior around the home

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be reliably trusted not to chew household items, take things from counters, take garbage or get on the furniture in familiar places • Easily adapts to new places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts to get on furniture or move household items • Is not destructive and will not counter surf or take items from an open top trash can 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts to get on furniture or move household items • 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 the item readily. • The dog may check counters and garbage cans but will not jump up or knock over. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • The dog is moderately persistent when playing “keep away” and will not give up the item readily. • Cannot be trusted to be left alone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Persistent when playing “keep away” and will not give up the item. • Cannot be trusted to be left alone

32. Lacks initiative

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Lacks intrinsic motivation to seek solutions while performing a task requested by its handler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideal intrinsic motivation to seek solutions while performing a task requested by its handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild lack of intrinsic motivation to seek solutions while performing a task requested by its handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild lack of intrinsic motivation to seek solutions while performing a task requested by its handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate lack of intrinsic motivation to seek solutions while performing a task requested by its handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe lack of intrinsic motivation to seek solutions while performing a task requested by its handler.

33. Not willing

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Dog pursues own interests; lacks apparent desire to respond to handler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog typically exhibits strong desire to comply with handler's direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog occasionally pursues own interests but does so very mildly. • Typically exhibits moderate desire to comply with handler's direction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog frequently pursues own interests but does so mildly. • Typically exhibits mild desire to comply with handler's direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog frequently pursues own interests and does so moderately. • Typically exhibits a low desire to comply with handler's direction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog very frequently pursues own interests and does so moderately to severely. • Typically exhibits a very low desire to comply with handler's direction

34. Resource guarding toward people

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Exhibits signs of aggressive guarding or possessiveness of resources (objects, toys, food) toward people who are present and/or approaching</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows no signs aggressive guarding or possessiveness of resources (objects, toys, food) toward people who are approaching and/or attempting to take away an item. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hovers over objects/toys/food without vocalizing when people are approaching or attempting to take away an item. May also exhibit very slight signs of conflict with change in energy, tongue flicking, avoidance, eating more quickly or stop eating but yields almost immediately on own. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hovers over objects/toys/food when people are approaching or attempting to take away an item. May also exhibit moderate signs of conflict moving away from person, tongue flicking and/or brief stiffening, brief staring with or without half-moon shape of the whites of the eyes showing (whale eye), very brief growling but yields readily with handler direction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hovers over objects/toys/food and displays overt aggressive signs when people are approaching and/or attempting to take away an item. Aggressive signs may include prolonged stiffening and/or staring with half-moon shape of the whites of the eyes showing (whale eye), growling, any baring of teeth and does not always yield with efforts to redirect the behavior. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hovers over objects/toys/food and displays overt aggressive signs when people are approaching and/or attempting to take away an item. Aggressive signs may include prolonged stiffening and/or staring with half-moon shape of the whites of the eyes showing (whale eye) AND growling, any baring of teeth and attempts to bite or snap when challenged.

35. Aggression toward strangers

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Suspicious of unfamiliar people; raised hackles, growling, barking, baring of teeth when stranger approaches</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows no signs of aggression or distrust toward strangers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild signs of distrust toward some strangers. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - occasional suspicious focus on certain unfamiliar individuals - raised hackles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quickly refocuses on work with verbal encouragement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild signs of distrust toward some strangers. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - occasional suspicious focus on certain unfamiliar individuals - raised hackles, together with muted barking or growling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readily refocuses on work with significant encouragement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate signs of aggression toward some strangers. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - frequent suspicious focus on unfamiliar individuals, - raised hackles and growling, barking - baring teeth when person approaches too quickly or appears threatening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderately difficult to refocus on work with significant handler intervention and support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly aggressive toward most strangers <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - frequent suspicious focus on unfamiliar individuals, - raised hackles, and growling, barking and/or baring teeth when person approaches. - may bite or attempt to bite if approached by a stranger - may try to chase the person away <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is very difficult to refocus on work with significant handler intervention and support.

36. Aggression toward dogs

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Shows aggression toward other dogs (charges, growls, rushes, bites or attempts to bite)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows no signs of aggression toward unfamiliar dogs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild signs of aggressive tendencies toward some unfamiliar dogs. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very mildly raised hackles, - very mildly stiff body language - very mild profiling in the presence of unfamiliar dogs. - does not growl, bark, bare teeth or attempt to bite. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readily refocuses on work with very mild handler support and/or encouragement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild signs of aggressive tendencies toward some unfamiliar dogs. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mildly raised hackles - mildly stiff body language - mild profiling in the presence of unfamiliar dogs - muted growling and/or barking in the presence of unfamiliar dogs. - does not bare teeth or attempt to bite. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readily refocuses on work with mild handler support and/or encouragement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate signs of aggressive tendencies toward some or many unfamiliar dogs. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderately raised hackles - moderately stiff body language - moderate profiling in the presence of unfamiliar dogs - charges or rushes, often while growling, barking and/or baring teeth. - does not attempt to bite when in presence of unfamiliar dog. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderately difficult to refocus on work with significant handler intervention and support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly aggressive toward some or many unfamiliar dogs. <p>Signs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - severe raised hackles - severe stiff body language - severe profiling in the presence of unfamiliar dogs - charges or rushes, often while growling, barking, baring teeth and/or - bites or attempts to bite when in presence of unfamiliar dog. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is very difficult to refocus on work with significant handler intervention and support.

37. Resource guarding toward dogs or other pets

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Exhibits signs of aggressive guarding or possessiveness of resources (objects, toys, food) toward dogs or other pets that are present and/or approaching</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows no signs of aggressive guarding or possessiveness of resources (objects, toys, food) toward dogs or other pets that are approaching and/or attempting to take away an item. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hovers over objects/toys/food without vocalizing when dogs or other pets are approaching or attempting to take away an item. <p>May also exhibit very slight signs of conflict;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - change in energy, - tongue flicking, - avoidance, - eating more quickly or stop eating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yields almost immediately on own. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hovers over objects/toys/food when dogs or other pets are approaching or attempting to take away an item. <p>May also exhibit as moderate signs of conflict;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moving away - tongue flicking - brief stiffening - brief staring with or without half-moon shape of the whites of the eyes showing (whale eye) - very brief growling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yields readily with handler direction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hovers over objects/toys/food and displays overt aggressive signs when dogs or other pets are approaching and/or attempting to take away an item. <p>Aggressive signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prolonged stiffening - staring with half-moon shape of the whites of the eyes showing (whale eye) - growling - baring of teeth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not always yield with efforts to redirect the behavior. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hovers over objects/toys/food and displays overt aggressive signs when dogs or other pets are approaching and/or attempting to take away an item. <p>Aggressive signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prolonged stiffening - staring with half-moon shape of the whites of the eyes showing (whale eye) - growling - baring of teeth - attempts to bite or snap when challenged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not yield with efforts to redirect the behavior.

38. Inappropriate elimination while working en route

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Eliminates while working en route.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never eliminates en route. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rarely eliminates en route and the • Improves substantially with age and is unlikely to present a problem in the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally eliminates en route. • Adjustment of the feeding schedule/amount and diligent relieving schedule has improved the problem. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often eliminates or attempts to eliminate en route. • Has shown some improvement with age and/or changes in feeding routine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routinely eliminates at will and in inappropriate places. • Attempts to establish a predictable elimination schedule have failed and the dog shows no improvement with age.

39. Socially inappropriate behavior with people

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Exhibits poor social manners with people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is socially pleasant around people of all ages in all settings as evidenced by not jumping on people, mouthing hands and/or muzzling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very occasionally exhibits very mild socially inappropriate behavior around people <p>Inappropriate behavior may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - brief attempts to jump on people - lightly mouth hands - soft muzzling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is not persistent and readily responds to redirection from handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally exhibits mild socially inappropriate behavior around people <p>Inappropriate behavior may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - brief jumping on people, - moderately mouthing hands - moderate muzzling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be mildly persistent but readily responds to redirection from handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently exhibits mildly socially inappropriate behavior or exhibits moderate socially inappropriate behavior around people <p>Inappropriate behavior may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - forceful jumping on people - hard mouthing of hands - mild muzzle punches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be moderately persistent requiring repeated redirection from the handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits severe socially inappropriate behavior around people <p>Inappropriate behavior may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - forceful jumping on people - hard mouthing of hands with or without teeth - forceful muzzle punches. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be very persistent Responds poorly to direction from handler.

40. Inconsistent

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Dog's demeanor, confidence and ability to cope is inconsistent over multiple assessments in various environments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog's confidence, demeanor and/or ability to cope is very consistent over multiple assessments in various environments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog's confidence, demeanor and/or ability to cope varies very mildly over multiple assessments in various environments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog's confidence, demeanor and/or ability to cope varies mildly over multiple assessments in various environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog's confidence, demeanor and/or ability to cope varies moderately over multiple assessments in various environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog's confidence, demeanor and/or ability to cope is extremely unpredictable across multiple assessments in various environments.

41. Handler/Dog team

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
How well dog and handler work together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team is working well together in most situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team works well together except for brief periods in new or very stimulating situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team works well together except occasionally for moderately long periods in new or very stimulating situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective teamwork is interrupted for moderately prolonged periods in new and/or mild to moderately stimulating situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective teamwork is interrupted for extended periods in new and/or mild to moderately stimulating situations.

42. Relationship skills

Definition	9,8,7	6,5,4	3,2,1
<p>Handler's ability to help team work well together and/or advance the dog's confidence and/or skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler is very skilled in building a trusting relationship and advancing the dog's confidence and/or skills. • Handler communicates clearly, uses appropriate praise and reward and provides clear boundaries, uses skills to direct the dog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler is less skilled or lacks skills in some key areas, which occasionally impairs their ability to work well together and/or advance the dog's confidence and/or skills. • The level of handler skills mildly impacts the handler's ability to build a trusting relationship with the dog, communicate clearly, use appropriate praise and reward, provide clear boundaries and use skills to direct the dog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler is not very skilled and lacks skills in some or many key areas, which frequently impairs their ability to work well together and/or advance the dog's confidence and/or skills. • The lack of handler skills moderately to severely impacts the handler's ability to build a trusting relationship with the dog, communicate clearly, use appropriate praise and reward, provide clear boundaries and use skills to direct the dog.

43. Comparison 9 to 1 score

Definition	9, 8, 7	6, 5, 4	3, 2, 1
<p>How well suited is this dog for guide dog work compared with our current dogs</p> <p>NOTE: Please use the extreme value of 9 if the dog is a very nice, flexible dog that can be placed with a wide range of clients. Likewise, use 1 if the dog is a very poor candidate for being a successful guide dog.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible dog, adaptable placement. Highly suited to guide work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less adaptable placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlikely to be usable with limited placement options. Poorly suited for guide work

44. Socially inappropriate behavior with dogs

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Exhibits poor social manners with other dogs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is socially appropriate around dogs in all settings as evidenced by not body slamming, humping, roughly pursuing play despite other dog's communications to stop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very occasionally exhibits very mild socially inappropriate behavior around dogs <p>Inappropriate behavior may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very mildly pursuing play despite other dog's communications to stop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally exhibits mild socially inappropriate behavior around dogs <p>Inappropriate behavior may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mildly pursuing play - brief muzzling or mouthing despite other dog's communications to stop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently exhibits moderate socially inappropriate behavior around dogs <p>Inappropriate behavior may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pursuing play despite other dog's communications to stop - muzzle punches - mouthing - brief humping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently exhibits severe socially inappropriate behavior around dogs <p>Inappropriate behavior may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - persistent play despite other dog's communications to stop - hard muzzle punches - rough mouthing - persistent humping

45. Thunder reaction prior to, during or immediately after a thunderstorm

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Dogs reaction to a thunder storm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change in dog's demeanor just prior to, during or immediately after a thunderstorm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild awareness of thunderstorm Signs may include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stopping activity - turning attention to effects of thunderstorm for a few seconds then resumes normal behavior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not interfere with work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness and mild anxiety of thunderstorm Signs may include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mild panting - mild restlessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not interfere with work or response to play or known commands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness and moderate anxiety of thunderstorm Signs may include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderate panting - moderate restlessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interferes mildly with work or response to play or known commands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness and severe anxiety of thunderstorm Signs may include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - severe panting - severe restlessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interferes moderately or severely with work or response to play or known commands.

46. Kennels poorly

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Adapts poorly to living in a kennel environment, evidenced by stressed emotional state and/or difficulty maintaining physical condition due to kenneling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapts well to living in the kennel. May be excited to see people or dogs but does not exhibit changes in behavior typically related to poor adaptability of being kenneled such as anxious or unsettled behavior. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits very mild changes in behavior such as occasional vocalizing, mild increased or decreased activity when kenneled and • Adapts within a few days to kenneling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits mild changes in behavior such as frequent vocalizing, increased or decreased activity when kenneled. • Adapts to kenneling within 2 weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even after kenneling for 2 weeks, exhibits moderate changes in behavior such as frequent signs of inability to adapt to kenneling • Requires exceptional animal husbandry or enrichment measures to remain in the kennel while maintaining health and/or calm emotional state. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even after kenneling for 2 weeks, exhibits persistent signs of inability to adapt to kenneling • Must be removed from the kennel environment to maintain health and/or calm emotional state

47. Working speed

Definition	Behavior Checklist	GPS Speed	Description
pace at which the dog is walking while guiding or other work the dog is trained to do.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <2.5 (<4 kph) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very slow walk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mod- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 to 2.7 (4.0-4.4 kph) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisurely walk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mod 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.8 to 3.3 (4.5-5.4 kph) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average walking speed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mod+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.4 to 3.7 (5.5-6.0 kph) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking with purpose
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >3.7 (>6.0 kph) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast walking, just before a slow jog

48. Gait when moving out

Definition	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3
How easily the dog maintains a trot when moving quickly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trots easily and maintains trot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paces and trots, can't maintain a trot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paces mostly, difficulty trotting

49. Housebreaking problems

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Frequency at which dog eliminates in the home or when confined to a crate assuming the dog is given appropriate opportunity to eliminate and does not have a medical condition impacting the dog's ability to control elimination under normal circumstances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never eliminates in the home or crate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very rarely eliminates in the home or crate • Improves substantially and is unlikely to present a problem in the future. • Rarely is no more often than once in 3 months for dogs 4 months and older 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally eliminates in the home or crate • Improves substantially and is unlikely to present a problem in the future. • Greater than once every three months but no more than once a month for dogs 4 months and older 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often eliminates in the home or crate. • The dog is unreliable unless closely managed. • 2-4 times a month for dogs 4 months and older 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routinely eliminates in the home or crate. • The dog is unreliable and attempts to establish a predictable elimination schedule have failed. • More often than 4 times a month for dogs 4 months and older

50. Innate desire to work

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Lacks intrinsic drive and motivation to learn tasks and be engaged with the handler.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong intrinsic eagerness and motivation to learn tasks and be engaged with the handler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very mild lack of intrinsic eagerness and motivation to learn tasks and be engaged with the handler. Handler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mild lack of intrinsic eagerness and motivation to learn tasks and be engaged with the handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate lack of intrinsic eagerness and motivation to learn tasks and be engaged with the handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe lack of intrinsic eagerness and motivation to learn tasks and be engaged with the handler.

51. Avoidance of exhaust from vehicles

Definition	Absent	Very Mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<p>Fearful or avoidant when approaching exhaust from vehicles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No fear or apprehension when approaching exhaust from vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very mild signs of avoidance when approaching exhaust from vehicles. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - slight hesitancy - very mild hurrying - very mild moving away - mildly tense body language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild signs of avoidance when approaching exhaust from vehicles. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mild hesitancy - mild transient compression - mild hurrying - mild moving away - moderately tense body language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains work and improves with subsequent exposure without encouragement from handler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate signs of avoidance when approaching exhaust from vehicles. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - balking on approach - hurrying - slowing down dramatically - moderate moving away <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires encouragement to maintain work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fearful when approaching exhaust from vehicles. <p>Signs may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strong hesitancy - hurrying - balking or refusal - strong pulling away - very tense body language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not maintain work.