



Dog Behavior Wellness Quiz[©]

How Behaviorally Healthy Dogs Act

	Always	Sometimes	Never
My dog is friendly toward people she meets – including well-behaved children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog can get along with other friendly dogs, both those she lives with and those outside the family.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog can be left alone for reasonable time periods without becoming anxious or panicked.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog will relieve herself only where and when I want her to.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog will readily give up control of food, toys, and other objects to me, and share her sleeping and resting places with me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog is relaxed during normal, everyday handling and touching such as when I wipe her feet, brush her, look in her ears, pet her, look in her eyes, or touch her collar.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog calms down quickly after being startled or getting excited.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog is not overly fearful of normal, everyday events.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog barks when necessary or appropriate, but not excessively.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog plays well with people without becoming uncontrollable or too rough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog plays well with other dogs, without becoming uncontrollable, too rough or threatening.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog plays with her own toys, and doesn't often damage my possessions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog is affectionate without being needy, clingy or annoying.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog can adapt to changes, such as travel, moving, or confinement in a carrier, with minimal problems.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My dog usually responds when I tell her to sit, down, come or stay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Interpreting Your Results[©]

Remember - how you raise, train, and socialize your dog, and how well you meet her behavioral needs all have a huge impact on her behavioral health. All dogs, regardless of breed, have the potential to be behaviorally healthy. It may be more difficult with some dogs than others, depending on their natural tendencies.

Use this quiz as a positive guide to tell you what you need to work on, and don't be discouraged or judgmental if your dog's behavior isn't everything you want it to be.

If your dog is in peak behavioral health, you answered **Always** to every question. Congratulations – you and your dog have a great relationship, your dog is sure to be a joy to be around and a welcome addition to your community.

If you answered **Always** to more than half the questions you likely have a good dog whose behavior needs a little tweaking.

If you answered **Always** to less than half the questions, your dog's behavioral health definitely needs some attention.

BUT – not all questions are of equal importance. If your dog is not friendly, and has snapped or bitten people, even if you answered **Always** to all the other questions, your dog's behavior definitely needs immediate help.

The other behaviors may be more or less important to you, depending on your expectations and lifestyle.

For example, if you have children, it's important that your dog not guard his possessions, but you may be willing to tolerate too much barking if your neighbors are not complaining.

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