

Dog Personality Questionnaire

(All levels—complete each year for each project dog)

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Sex (circle one): Male Female Spayed or Neutered: Yes No Date completed: _____

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2. When my dog sees me with his/her collar and leash he/she
 - a. shows no expression.
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3. When I shake or open my dog's treats, he/she
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4. When I give my dog a treat, he/she
 - a. takes it gently.
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5. When my dog hears a sudden, loud noise, he/she
 - a. hides.
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 - a. knows more than one trick.
 - b. was never taught any tricks.
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7. If I let my dog loose, he/she would
 - a. stay by my side.
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8. My dog
 - a. likes other dogs.
 - b. likes other species of animals.
 - c. does not like other animals, regardless of species.
 - d. _____
9. When traveling in a car, my dog
 - a. is happy and calm.
 - b. is afraid and/or gets carsick.
 - c. is excited and bouncy.
 - d. _____
10. Around children my dog is
 - a. aggressive.
 - b. submissive.
 - c. happy.
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11. When in new surroundings, my dog
 - a. acts curious.
 - b. pays very little attention.
 - c. acts afraid.
 - d. _____
12. When I give my dog a simple command, he/she
 - a. obeys immediately.
 - b. doesn't understand.
 - c. makes me repeat it before he/she obeys.
 - d. _____
13. Around adults my dog is
 - a. aggressive.
 - b. submissive.
 - c. happy.
 - d. _____
14. My dog prefers the company of
 - a. animals.
 - b. all people.
 - c. only people he/she knows well.
 - d. _____
15. My dog prefers being with
 - a. children.
 - b. adults.
 - c. both children and adults.
 - d. _____
16. My dog
 - a. easily lets me trim his/her toenails.
 - b. requires that I have help trimming his/her nails.
 - c. must be tranquilized by a veterinarian for his/her nails to be trimmed.
 - d. _____
17. My dog likes
 - a. most women, but is afraid of men.
 - b. most men, but is afraid of women.
 - c. men and women equally.
 - d. _____
18. My dog is afraid of
 - a. sudden, loud noises.
 - b. nothing, usually.
 - c. strangers.
 - d. _____
19. In a crowd of people, my dog
 - a. acts the same as usual.
 - b. becomes nervous or scared.
 - c. becomes excited and wants to play.
 - d. _____
20. When something frightens my dog, he/she
 - a. reacts with aggression.
 - b. immediately recovers.
 - c. stays nervous for a while.
 - d. _____
21. When we have company, my dog
 - a. likes their attention, but acts mannerly.
 - b. hides.
 - c. is excited and jumps all over them.
 - d. _____
22. When a strange dog approaches, my dog
 - a. is afraid and tries to hide.
 - b. acts aggressive.
 - c. either ignores him or shows some interest.
 - d. _____
23. My dog
 - a. puts up with being groomed, but doesn't really like it.
 - b. loves to be groomed.
 - c. hates to be groomed.
 - d. _____
24. My dog
 - a. is not housebroken.
 - b. is housebroken, but occasionally "marks" his/her territory.
 - c. is completely housebroken.
 - d. _____
25. My dog
 - a. is especially gentle around babies, the elderly, and/or sick people.
 - b. sometimes likes to play rough.
 - c. treats everyone the same.
 - d. _____
26. When I roll a ball across the floor, my dog
 - a. shows no response.
 - b. watches the ball.
 - c. chases the ball.
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