

CHART YOUR PROGRESS

The questions below are intended to give you a guide to those behaviors that are valuable for your dog to achieve, and to also give you an indication of what training goals you might yet want to set.

Give yourself 1 point for every "Never" answer, 2 points for every "Occasionally" answer, and 3 points for every "Frequently" answer. Total your points at the end of the end of all questions and then review the key to determine how you and your dog are doing with training.

HOUSE TRAINING

Does your dog have "accidents" in the house?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog know how to let you know he needs to go outdoors to potty?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

CRATE

Does your dog willingly go into his crate?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Is your dog quiet in his crate?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog show any signs of aggression while in his crate?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

SOCIALIZATION

Is your dog calm and polite with children?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog like other dogs?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog play rough (biting, jumping on) with other dogs?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog play nicely with your cat?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

BITING & CHEWING

Does your dog bite and nip at your hands and/or feet?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Has your dog bitten or attempted to bite anyone?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog steal and/or chew items that are not his, such as your personal belongings?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog steal items from countertops and/or tables?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

JUMPING

Does your dog jump on furniture without being invited?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog jump on anyone when they're seated?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog jump on people coming into your home?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

COME

Does your dog come when you call him in the house?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog come when you call him in the yard?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog come when you call him in the street?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

BARKING

Does your dog bark at windows/doors and won't stop when you tell him?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog demand your attention by barking at you or forcing you to pet him?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog bark/beg at the dining table?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog bark/growl at family members or guests?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog bark constantly when outdoors?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

HANDLING

Can you, the Vet and the Groomer touch your dog without biting/growling?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Can you cut your dog's nails without biting/growling/squirming?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Can you grab your dog's collar without him trying to bite you?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog guard food or toys?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

WALKING

Does your dog pull on leash?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog race out the door ahead of you?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

FRUSTRATION & FEAR

Does your dog dig in your yard?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog attempt to escape from your yard or jump the fence?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Is your dog comfortable when left alone in the house?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Has your dog been destructive with furniture, doors, windowsills, carpet?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Does your dog urinate when excited or fearful?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

Is your dog afraid of loud noises such as thunderstorms, vacuums, fireworks or trucks?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Frequently

SCORING

36-42 You're doing great! Keep up the practice!

43-79 You're on the right track. Working with a "purely positive" trainer will help you smooth out the edges and teach you some new and successful techniques.

80-104 Things could be better and you are headed for some big issues that may result in serious consequences. Consult a "purely positive" trainer as soon as you can.