



Liverpool Osteoarthritis in Dogs (LOAD)

Owner questionnaire for dogs with mobility problems

Dear Owner,

Thank you for agreeing to complete this questionnaire.

Your assistance in this endeavour will enable us to gather valuable information about your pet, and is a vital component in our ongoing quest to combat painful and debilitating diseases such as arthritis. It is important that all questions are answered to the best of your ability and if you have a question regarding the questionnaire, please contact a member of staff from your veterinary clinic.

Thank you again for your help.

Answering the questions

Most of the questions are fairly simple. It is important that you only tick one box per question except where otherwise requested (e.g. Question 4 under Lifestyle).

If you are in any doubt as to how to answer a particular question, please contact a member of staff for assistance.



Owner's name:	Pet's name:	
Owner's phone number:	Client number:	Today's date:
Breed of pet:	Pet's age:	Sex: M <input type="radio"/> F <input type="radio"/>

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Reference limb:

LF ☐

RF ☐

LH ☐

RH ☐

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Background

1. How long has your pet been suffering with his/her mobility problem?

☐ Up to 6 months ☐ 6–12 months ☐ 12–24 months ☐ 24–36 months ☐ more than 36 months

2. Has your dog been diagnosed as suffering from any other problems in addition to his/her orthopaedic disease?

☐

No

☐

Yes

Please list these if you can:

3. If you can, please list any medications that your pet is currently receiving, stating when he/she received the last dose of each:

Lifestyle

1. In the last week, on average, how far has your dog exercised each day?

☐

0–1 km
(0–0.6 miles)

☐

1–2 km
(0.6–1.2 miles)

☐

2–3 km
(1.2–1.9 miles)

☐

3–4 km
(1.9–2.5 miles)

☐

more than 4 km
(more than 2.5 miles)

2. In the last week, on average, how many walks has your dog had each day?

☐

0

☐

1

☐

2

☐

3

☐

4

☐

more than 4

3. What type of exercise is this?

☐

Always on lead

☐

Mostly on lead

☐

Mostly off lead

☐

Always off lead

☐

Working

4. Are there particular days of the week upon which your dog has significantly more exercise?
(Tick more than one box if necessary.)

☐

Monday

☐

Tuesday

☐

Wednesday

☐

Thursday

☐

Friday

☐

Saturday

☐

Sunday

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5. On what sort of terrain does your dog most often exercise?

☐

On level grass

☐

In woodland

☐

On street

☐

Over rough hill ground

6. At exercise, how is your dog handled?

☐

Walk on lead

☐

Walk off lead

☐

Trot

☐

Run freely

7. Who limits the extent to which your dog exercises?

☐

You

☐

Your dog

Mobility

Generally

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1. How is your dog's mobility in general?

☐
Very good

☐
Good

☐
Fair

☐
Poor

☐
Very poor

2. How disabled is your dog by his/her lameness?

☐
Not at all disabled

☐
Slightly disabled

☐
Moderately disabled

☐
Severely disabled

☐
Extremely disabled

3. How active is your dog?

☐
Extremely active

☐
Very active

☐
Moderately active

☐
Slightly active

☐
Not at all active

4. What is the effect of cold, damp weather on your dog's lameness?

☐
No effect

☐
Mild effect

☐
Moderate effect

☐
Severe effect

☐
Extreme effect

5. To what degree does your dog show stiffness in the affected leg after a 'lie down'?

☐
No stiffness

☐
Mild stiffness

☐
Moderate stiffness

☐
Severe stiffness

☐
Extreme stiffness

At exercise

6. At exercise, how active is your dog?

☐
Extremely active

☐
Very active

☐
Fairly active

☐
Not very active

☐
Not at all active

7. How keen to exercise is your dog?

☐
Extremely keen

☐
Very keen

☐
Fairly keen

☐
Not very keen

☐
Not at all keen

8. How would you rate your dog's ability to exercise?

☐
Very good

☐
Good

☐
Fair

☐
Poor

☐
Very poor

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9. What overall effect does exercise have on your dog's lameness?

☐ No effect
 ☐ Mild effect
 ☐ Moderate effect
 ☐ Severe effect
 ☐ Extreme effect

10. How often does your dog rest (stop/sit down) during exercise?

☐ Never
 ☐ Hardly ever
 ☐ Occasionally
 ☐ Frequently
 ☐ Very frequently

11. What is the effect of cold, damp weather on your pet's ability to exercise?

☐ No effect
 ☐ Mild effect
 ☐ Moderate effect
 ☐ Severe effect
 ☐ Extreme effect

12. To what degree does your dog show stiffness in the affected leg after a 'lie down' following exercise?

☐ No stiffness
 ☐ Mild stiffness
 ☐ Moderate stiffness
 ☐ Severe stiffness
 ☐ Extreme stiffness

13. What is the effect of your dog's lameness on his/her ability to exercise?

☐ No effect
 ☐ Mild effect
 ☐ Moderate effect
 ☐ Severe effect
 ☐ Extreme effect

Thank you once again for completing this questionnaire.
Please return the form to a member of staff.

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LOAD Score

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