

# Liverpool Osteoarthritis in Dogs (LOAD)

## Owner questionnaire for dogs with mobility problems

Dear Owner,

Thank you for agreeing to complete this questionnaire.

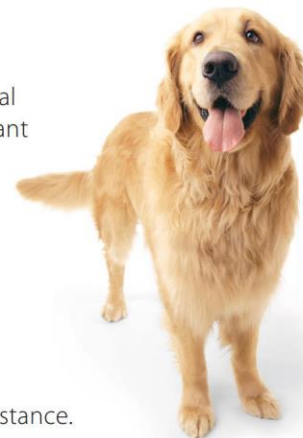
Your assistance in this endeavour will enable us to gather valuable information about your pet, and is a vital component in our ongoing quest to combat painful and debilitating diseases such as arthritis. It is important that all questions are answered to the best of your ability and if you have a question 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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Clicking LOAD Score will tabulate your score once.  
Reset is not available for this function.

LOAD Score

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