



Farm Dog Survey

About this survey

This survey is confidential. It should take about 15 minutes to complete. It is important that all questions are answered. The aim of this survey is to investigate the use of stock herding dogs in Australia.

By completing this survey you will be contributing to our knowledge of farm dogs and their handlers. The information you provide will allow us to give the industry an overview of current farm dog usage and will assist with ongoing research.

Completing this survey

Please return this survey in the reply-paid envelope. If you would prefer to complete the on-line version of the survey, it is available at:

http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience/research/animal_behaviour/farmdog/surveys.shtml

You are not obliged to leave your personal details. However, if you would like the opportunity to win a share in over \$1,000 worth of Bonnie Working Dog dry food please fill in your contact details when asked. Your identity will be recorded separately from your survey responses.

Section 1. Property

If you have several properties and use working dogs, please answer the questions for the property your dogs most often work on.

What is the size of your property in hectares?

- Less than 500
- 500 – 1 000
- 1 001 – 3 000
- 3 001 – 7 000
- 7 001 – 15 000
- 15 001 – 30 000
- More than 30 000

Please indicate the number of each type of livestock on the property.

Cattle

- Nil
- Less than 100
- 100 – 500

- Sheep
- 501 – 1 500
 - 1 501 – 3 000
 - 3 001 – 8 000
 - More than 8 000
 - Nil
 - Less than 500
 - 500 – 2 000
 - 2 001 – 5 000
 - 5 001 – 10 000
 - 10 001 – 25 000
 - More than 25 000
- Other.
- Please specify _____
- _____

In what state is the property?

- ACT
- NSW
- NT
- QLD
- SA
- TAS
- VIC
- WA

Section 2. About your dogs

How many dogs do you currently have in work?

- Nil
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- More than 10

Please now focus on the dog(s) you work with most often, and answer the following questions. You can submit details for one, two or three dogs. When you have finished answering for the desired number of dogs proceed to **section 3** on page 8.

Dog 1

What sex is this dog?

- Male entire
- Male desexed
- Female entire
- Female desexed

How old is this dog to the closest year?

- Less than 1
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- Older than 12

What breed is this dog?

- Kelpie
- Kelpie cross

- Border collie
 - Border collie cross
 - Coolie
 - Coolie cross
 - Cattle dog
 - Cattle dog cross
 - Other
- Please specify _____

What colour is this dog?

- Black
 - Black & tan
 - Black & white
 - Red
 - Red & tan
 - Red merle
 - Blue
 - Blue & tan
 - Other
 - Blue merle
 - Brown
 - Brown & white
 - Fawn
 - Fawn & tan
 - Cream (yellow)
 - Chocolate
 - Black, white & tan
- Please specify _____

What type of work do you mostly use this dog for?

- Yard (forcing)
- Mustering
- Both (all-rounder)
- Trials only

What stock does this dog work with?
Select all that apply.

- Sheep
- Cattle
- Goats
- Other. Please specify _____

How is this dog housed?

- Individual shelter on chain
- Individual shelter with yard/pen
- Individual cage
- Group cage
- Group shelter with yard/pen
- Indoors with humans

What have been the approximate non-routine veterinary costs for this dog in the past five years?

- \$0
- Less than \$500
- \$500 - \$2 000
- More than \$2 000

Is this dog insured?

- Yes
- No

Where did you acquire this dog?

- Own breeding program*
- External breeder
- Other. Please specify _____

If this is a **self-bred** dog, please skip the next three questions and continue from the question marked with *.
If acquired from an external source:

What age was it acquired?

- Less than 8 weeks
- 8 - 12 weeks
- 3 - 6 months
- Older than 6 months

- What level of training did it have when acquired? Unstarted
 Started
 Fully trained
- How much did you pay for this dog? \$0 \$1 001 - \$2 000
 Less than \$500 \$2 001 - \$5 000
 \$500 - \$1 000 More than \$5 000
- *Does this dog compete in trials? Yes No

If **no**, proceed to the questions for **Dog 2** or to **section 3** on page 8.

If **yes**:

- What type of trials? Utility
 Yard
 3-sheep
 Cattle

- In approximately how many trials has the dog competed? 1 - 3
 4 - 6
 7 - 9
 10 - 15
 Over 15

- What is the highest division this dog has competed in? Novice
 Improver
 Open

- What is the highest place they have been awarded in the highest division they have competed?
 Has not placed
 First
 Second
 Third

If there is a second dog you work with that you would like to give us details on, please continue with **Dog 2**. If not, then proceed to **section 3** on page 8.

Dog 2

- What sex is this dog? Male entire
 Male desexed
 Female entire
 Female desexed
- How old is this dog to the closest year? Less than 1 7
 1 8
 2 9
 3 10
 4 11
 5 12
 6 Older than 12

What breed is this dog?

- Kelpie
- Border collie
- Coolie
- Cattle dog
- Other
- Kelpie cross
- Border collie cross
- Coolie cross
- Cattle dog cross

Please specify _____

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If acquired from an external source:

What age was it acquired?

- Less than 8 weeks
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- 3 - 6 months

- What level of training did it have when acquired? Older than 6 months
 Unstarted
 Started
 Fully trained
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 Less than \$500 \$2 001 - \$5 000
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 Yard
 3-sheep
 Cattle

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- Has not placed
 First
 Second
 Third

If there is a third dog you work with that you would like to give us details on, please continue to **Dog 3**. If not, then proceed to **section 3** on page 8.

Dog 3

- What sex is this dog? Male entire
 Male desexed
 Female entire
 Female desexed

- How old is this dog to the closest year? Less than 1 7
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 2 9
 3 10
 4 11
 5 12
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- Other. Please specify _____

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- What level of training did it have when acquired?
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 - Older than 6 months
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- Unstarted
 - Started
 - Fully trained
- *Does this dog compete in trials?
- \$0
 - Less than \$500
 - \$500 - \$1 000
 - \$1 000 - \$2 000
 - \$2 000 - \$5 000
 - More than \$5 000
- Yes No

If **no**, proceed to **section 3**.

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- Has not placed
- First
- Second
- Third

Section 3. Breeding

- Do you breed working dogs?
- Yes
 - No

If **no**, proceed to **section 4** on page 9.
If **yes**, complete **section 3**.

- Which breed(s)?
- Kelpie
 - Border collie
 - Coolie
 - Cattle dog
 - Other
 - Kelpie cross
 - Border collie cross
 - Coolie cross
 - Cattle dog cross
- Please specify _____

- What is the purpose of your breeding program?
- Professional breeding
 - Service own needs only

- What type, or types, of dogs do you aim to produce?
- Hobby
 - Trial (arena)
 - Yard (forcing)
 - Utility (all-rounder)
- How many litters do you usually breed each year?
- Less than 1
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - More than 5
- How many stud males do you have in your breeding program?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - More than 5
- How many bitches do you have in your breeding program?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - More than 5
- What is the closest relative you would be prepared to breed to your bitch?
- Father
 - Uncle
 - Grandfather
 - Great-grandfather
 - Unrelated dog only
- At what age do your pups usually go to new homes?
- Less than 8 weeks
 - 8 – 12 weeks
 - Older than 12 weeks
- What is the average sale price for your pups?
- Unstarted:
- Less than \$300
 - \$300 - \$600
 - More than \$600
- Started:
- Not applicable
 - Less than \$600
 - \$600 - \$2 000
 - \$2 001 - \$4 000
 - More than \$4 000

Section 4.Work

At peak times, how much time does your top dog spend working on average?

- Each day:
- Less than 2 hours
 - 2 – 4 hours
 - 4 – 6 hours
 - More than 6 hours

Each week:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 day | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 days | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 days | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 days | |

At off-peak times, how often are your dogs exercised (including time spent off-chain or out of cage)?

- Less than weekly
- Weekly
- Twice weekly
- 3 - 5 times each week
- Daily
- At least twice daily

When mustering or droving, how do you usually accompany your dog(s)?
Select all that apply.

- Not applicable
- On foot
- Horseback
- Motorbike
- Vehicle

Section 5.Outcomes

Have you ever culled or dismissed a working dog before retirement or injury?

- Yes No

Of the dogs you acquire or retain for work, what percentage become successful working dogs?

- Less than 50%
- 50 - 64%
- 65 - 79%
- 80 - 99%
- 100%

Dishonourable discharges (dogs dismissed before old age or injury).

Please now focus on the last dog you had in training that you did not retain as a working dog. You will have the opportunity to answer the questions for up to three dogs.

If you have not dismissed any dogs prior to retirement please proceed to **honourable discharge** questions on page 11.

Dog 1

What is the main reason this dog was dismissed?

- Health problems
- Inadequate fitness or stamina
- Lack of working instinct/natural ability
- Temperament problems
- Training problems

At what age was this dog dismissed?

- Less than 3 months
- 3 - 6 months
- 6 - 12 months

- What was the destination of the dog after dismissal?
- More than 12 months
 - Euthanasia
 - Retained for another purpose
 - Rehomed for another purpose

If there is a second dog you have dismissed (dishonourable discharge) that you can answer questions on please continue, otherwise, proceed to **Honourable discharge** questions.

Dog 2

- What is the main reason this dog was dismissed?
- Health problems
 - Inadequate fitness or stamina
 - Lack of working instinct/natural ability
 - Temperament problems
 - Training problems

- At what age was this dog dismissed?
- Less than 3 months
 - 3 – 6 months
 - 6 – 12 months
 - More than 12 months

- What was the destination of the dog after dismissal?
- Euthanasia
 - Retained for another purpose
 - Rehomed for another purpose

If there is a third dog you have dismissed (dishonourable discharge) that you can answer questions on please continue, otherwise, proceed to **Honourable discharge** questions.

Dog 3

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- At what age was this dog dismissed?
- Less than 3 months
 - 3 – 6 months
 - 6 – 12 months
 - More than 12 months

- What was the destination of the dog after dismissal?
- Euthanasia
 - Retained for another purpose
 - Rehomed for another purpose

Honourable Discharges (dogs that were retired)

Please answer the following questions for the last successful working dog(s) you had to retire or that ceased work prematurely.
You will have the opportunity to answer the questions for up to three dogs.

Dog 1

- Why was the dog retired?
- Old age
 - Sudden death

- Injury
- Illness
- Loss of interest in work
- Developed behavioural problem

At what age was this dog retired, to the closest year?

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 13 |

What was the dog's destination after retirement?

- Euthanasia
- Retained for another use e.g. pet or stud
- Rehomed
- Not applicable (deceased)

If there is a second dog you have retired (honourable discharge) that you can answer questions on please continue, otherwise, proceed to **section 6** on page 13.

Dog 2

Why was the dog retired?

- Old age
- Sudden death
- Injury
- Illness
- Loss of interest in work
- Developed behavioural problem

At what age was this dog retired, to the closest year?

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 |
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- What was the dog's destination after retirement?
- Euthanasia
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 - Rehomed
 - Not applicable (deceased)

Section 6. Training

If you have unstarted dogs, in general, how long does it take you to train them to a competent working standard?

- I don't obtain unstarted dogs
- Less than 7 days
- 1 - 4 weeks
- 1 - 3 months
- 3 - 6 months
- 6 - 12 months
- Over 1 year

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Are your dogs formally assessed (using documentation)?
Select all that apply.

- No, at no stage
- Yes, prior to training
- Yes, during training
- Yes, at the end of training
- Yes, during their working career

How much time is spent with the dog during an average training session?

- I don't have formal training sessions
- Less than 15 minutes
- 15 - 30 minutes
- 30 - 60 minutes
- Greater than 1 hour

How many sessions per month do you spend training an individual dog?

- I don't have formal training sessions
- Less than 8
- 8 - 15
- 16 - 30
- More than 30

Which of the following equipment do you use in training?
Select all that apply.

- Stick/garden rake
- Flat collar
- Body harness
- Check chain
- Toy/Article/Dummy
- Clicker
- Shock (electric) collar
- Whistle
- Head harness (Halti)
- Toy/article
- Martingale (limited slip collar)
- Other

Please specify _____

What rewards do you use in training?
Select all that apply.

- No rewards
- Allowing continued work with stock
- Food treats
- Patting
- Verbal praise

What correction do you use in training?
Select all that apply.

- No correction
- Ceasing work with stock
- Physical correction
- Verbal correction

How have you obtained your dog training and handling knowledge?
Select all that apply.

- From experience
- Books and manuals
- At dog training schools
- Completion of a certified course

State the name of the qualification. _____

Section 7. Costs

Please estimate the average yearly cost per dog of feeding and routine health care.

- Less than \$400
- \$400 - \$800
- \$801 - \$1 500
- More than \$1 500

What is the maximum amount you would consider spending on your best working dog to treat it for a serious illness or injury to allow it to return to work?

- \$200 or less
- \$200 - \$500
- \$501 - \$1 000
- \$1 001 - \$2 000
- \$2 001 - \$5 000
- More than \$5 000

Section 8. Selection

Do you select working dogs on any physical characteristics?
Select all that apply.

- No, I don't make choices based on type
- Body shape/size
Please specify _____
- Head shape/size
Please specify _____
- Ear shape
Please specify _____
- Height
Please specify _____
- Eye colour
Please specify _____
- Coat colour
Please specify _____
- Other
Please specify _____

Section 9. Canine Behaviour Traits

Working manoeuvres

While considering an average working dog, please indicate by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how difficult it is to train the following working manoeuvres.
Several of these terms may not be in common usage. Please do not rate in manoeuvres you are not familiar with. They can be left blank.

Cast

Extremely Easy | _____ | Almost Impossible

Force

Extremely Easy | _____ | Almost Impossible

Gathering

Extremely Easy | _____ | Almost Impossible

Cover

Extremely Easy | _____ | Almost Impossible

Back

Extremely Easy | _____ | Almost Impossible

Bark

Extremely Easy | _____ | Almost Impossible

Bite

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Heading

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Hold

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Balance

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Drive

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Break

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Width

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Pull

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Lift

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Draw

Extremely Easy |-----|-----|-----|-----| Almost Impossible

Answer the following questions for the type(s) of dog(s) you have the most experience working with. You may answer the same question up to three times if you have experience in multiple areas.

In the ideal dog, please indicate by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how valuable you consider the following manoeuvres.

Please mark the box for the first type of dog you are referring to.

1. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Cast

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Force

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Gathering

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Cover

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Back

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Bark

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Bite

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Heading

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Hold

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Balance

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Drive

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Break

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Width

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Pull

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Lift

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable
 Draw

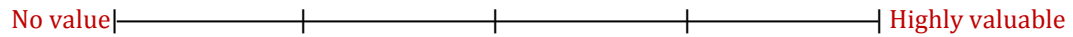
If you have experience with another type of working dog please answer this question again. Otherwise, proceed to the **Working attributes** section on page 20.

In the ideal dog, please indicate by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how valuable you consider the following manoeuvres.

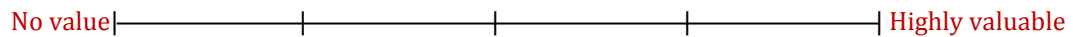
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2. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

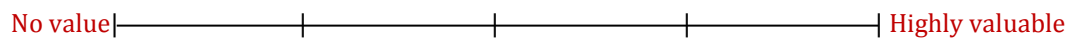
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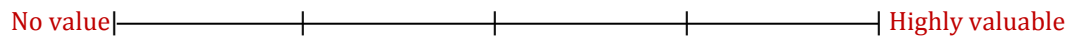
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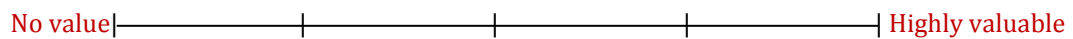
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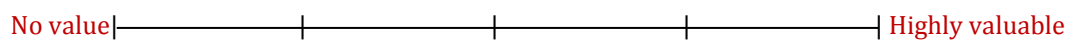
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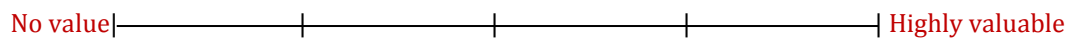
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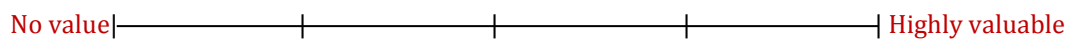
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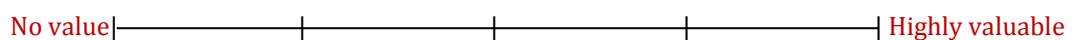
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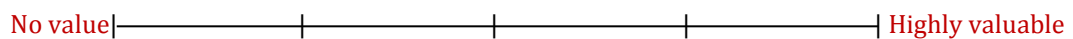
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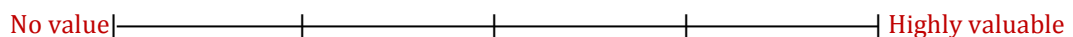
Hold



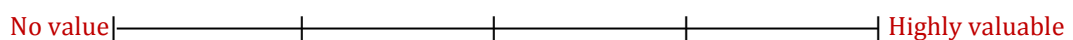
Balance



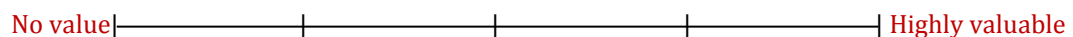
Drive



Break



Width



Pull

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Lift

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Draw

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

If you have experience with another type of working dog please answer this question again. Otherwise, proceed to the **Working attributes** section on page 20.

In the ideal dog, please indicate by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how valuable you consider the following manoeuvres.

Please mark the box for the third type of dog you are referring to.

3. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Cast

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Force

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Gathering

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Cover

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Back

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Bark

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

Bite

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

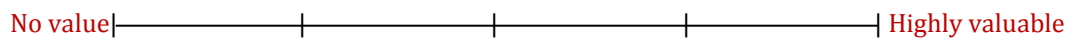
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No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

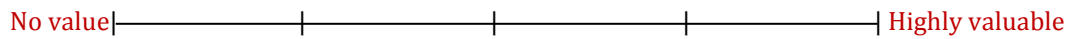
Hold

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Highly valuable

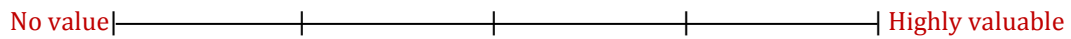
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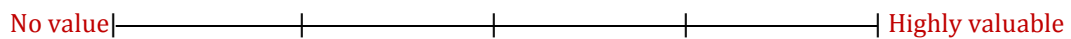
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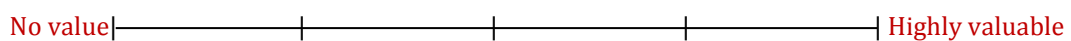
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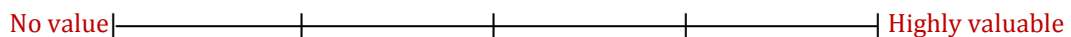
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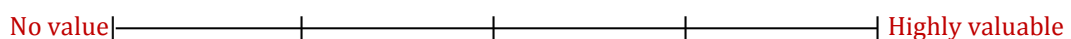
Pull



Lift



Draw



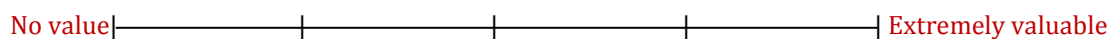
Working attributes

Please indicate, by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how valuable you consider the following attributes in the ideal dog.

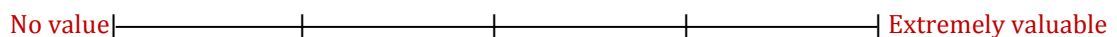
Please mark the box for the first type of dog you are referring to.

1. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

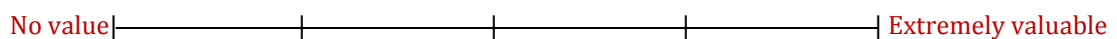
Shows eye



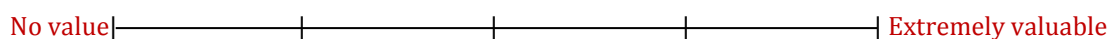
Control



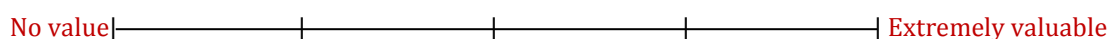
Initiative (includes working independently, keenness, willingness)



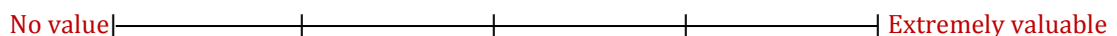
Trainable (includes tractable)



Intelligent (includes sagacious, brainy, clever)



Calm



Firmness (includes strength, power)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Style of work (includes width)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Physical suitability (includes stamina, durability)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Anticipation

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Boldness

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

If you have experience with another type of working dog please answer this question again. Otherwise, proceed to the **General attributes** section on page 23.

Please indicate, by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how valuable you consider the following attributes in the ideal dog.

Please mark the box for the second type of dog you are referring to.

2. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Shows eye

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Control

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Initiative (includes working independently, keenness, willingness)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Trainable (includes tractable)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Intelligent (includes sagacious, brainy, clever)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Calm

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Firmness (includes strength, power)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Style of work (includes width)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Physical suitability (includes stamina, durability)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Anticipation

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Boldness

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

If you have experience with another type of working dog please answer this question again. Otherwise, proceed to the **General attributes** section on page 23.

Please indicate, by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how valuable you consider the following attributes in the ideal dog.

Please mark the box for the third type of dog you are referring to.

3. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Shows eye

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Control

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Initiative (includes working independently, keenness, willingness)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Trainable (includes tractable)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Intelligent (includes sagacious, brainy, clever)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Calm

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Firmness (includes strength, power)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Style of work (includes width)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Physical suitability (includes stamina, durability)

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Anticipation

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

Boldness

No value |-----|-----|-----|-----| Extremely valuable

General attributes

Please indicate, by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how much of each trait you would expect to be present in the ideal dog.

You will have the opportunity to answer the question up to three times if you have experience in more than one environment.

Please mark the box for the first type of dog you are referring to.

1. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Excitability

None |-----|-----|-----|-----| A very high degree

Trainability

None |-----|-----|-----|-----| A very high degree

Motivation & confidence

None |-----|-----|-----|-----| A very high degree

Friendliness

None |-----|-----|-----|-----| A very high degree

Cautiousness

None |-----|-----|-----|-----| A very high degree

If you have experience with another type of working dog please answer this question again. Otherwise, proceed to the **Shyness-boldness** section on page 24.

Please indicate, by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how much of each trait you would expect to be present in the ideal dog.

Please mark the box for the second type of dog you are referring to.

2. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Excitability

None |-----|-----|-----|-----| A very high degree

Trainability

None |-----| A very high degree

Motivation & confidence

None |-----| A very high degree

Friendliness

None |-----| A very high degree

Cautiousness

None |-----| A very high degree

If you have experience with another type of working dog please answer this question again. Otherwise, proceed to the **Shyness-boldness** section.

Please indicate, by circling one of the five marks on the scale, how much of each trait you would expect to be present in the ideal dog.

Please mark the box for the third type of dog you are referring to.

3. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Excitability

None |-----| A very high degree

Trainability

None |-----| A very high degree

Motivation & confidence

None |-----| A very high degree

Friendliness

None |-----| A very high degree

Cautiousness

None |-----| A very high degree

Shyness-Boldness

Please indicate, by circling one of the eight marks on the scale, the balance of shyness and boldness that the ideal dog would exhibit.

You can answer the question up to three times if you have experience with more than one type of dog.

Please mark the box for the first type of dog you are referring to.

1. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Very shy |-----| Very bold

If you have experience with another type of working dog please answer this question again. Otherwise, proceed to the **section 10**.

Please indicate, by circling one of the eight marks on the scale, the balance of shyness and boldness that the ideal dog would exhibit.

Please mark the box for the second type of dog you are referring to.

2. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Very shy |-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----| Very bold

If you have experience with another type of working dog please answer this question again. Otherwise, proceed to the **section 10**.

Please indicate, by circling one of the eight marks on the scale, the balance of shyness and boldness that the ideal dog would exhibit.

Please mark the box for the third type of dog you are referring to.

3. All-rounder (utility) Mustering Trial(Arena) Yard

Very shy |-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----| Very bold

Section 10. About you

What is your age?

18 - 29
 30 - 39
 40 - 49
 50 - 59
 60 - 70
 Over 70

Are you male or female? Male Female

Please rank the terms below in the order which best describes how you view your working dog(s). In the boxes, place the numbers 1 (most applicable) to 4 (least applicable).

- As a workplace resource only
- As employees
- As workmates
- As companions

Please select the answer which reflects how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

I see myself as someone who....

has an active imagination.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

has few artistic interests.

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree
does a thorough job.				
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tends to be lazy.				
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is outgoing, sociable.				
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is reserved.				
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is generally trusting.				
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tends to find fault in others.				
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gets nervous easily.				
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is relaxed, handles stress well.				
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is considerate and kind to almost everyone.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree
is curious about many different things.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree

The end

Thank you for completing this survey. If you would like to enter the draw to win a prize, please enter your details below. The terms and conditions of the prize draw are available on-line at:

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