

# 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

**Reset**

## 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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