

Assesses general anxiety in dogs.

The Lincoln Canine Anxiety Scale (LCAS) is a validated, reliable tool used to evaluate a dog's anxiety in relation to an individual specific trigger – in cases where the dog is displaying anxiety to a range of different triggers.

- Anxious/fearful/phobic reaction assessment
- Management of problems
- To help select appropriate working dogs
- Screening of shelter dogs



USAGE

1. As a clinical tool to evaluate and describe the anxious/fearful/phobic reaction a dog has to a specific stimulus.
2. To improve the management of problems relating to anxiety, and also as a research tool, to evaluate new treatments related to anxiety – see related publications. Our unpublished work shows that scoring of the items is generally reliable within owners, i.e. an owner can use the tool to reliably monitor their dog's behaviour.
3. In the screening of shelter dogs at the time of relinquishment, or working dogs to predict their need for remedial intervention.

THE TOOL

LCAS is a 16 item questionnaire with each item relating to a specific sign. Each is scored for severity to generate a total score. The scale can be repeated to give a separate score for each.

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