

# Canine Personality Profile

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## Your dog's personality profile, also known as Canine Personality Profile (CPP)

To help you understand how to approach your dog's training, we developed Volhard's Personality Profile for Dog. The Profile catalogs ten behaviors in each drive that influence the dog's responses and which are useful to us in training. The ten behaviors chosen are those that most closely represent the strengths of the dog in each of the drives. The Profile does not pretend to include all behaviors seen in a dog, nor the complexity of their interaction. Although it is an admittedly crude index of your dog's behavior, you will find it surprisingly accurate.

The results of the Profile will give you a better understanding of why your dog is the way he is and the most successful way to train him. You can then make use of his strengths, avoid needless confusion and greatly reduce the time it takes to train him.

There is an online version the CPP at <http://www.volhard.com/training/cpp.htm>

## Evaluating the Profile

When completing the Profile, keep in mind that it was devised for a house dog or pet with an enriched environment, perhaps even a little training, and not a dog tied out in the yard or kept solely in a kennel -- such dogs have fewer opportunities to express as many behaviors as a house dog. Answers should indicate those behaviors your dog would exhibit if he had not already been trained to do otherwise. For example, did he jump on people to greet them, or jump on the counter to steal food, before he was trained not to do so? The fight part of the defense drive does not fully express itself until the dog is mature, around two to four years of age, depending on the breed, although you may see tendencies toward those behaviors earlier. Young dogs tend to exhibit more flight behaviors than older dogs.

## The Questionnaire

The questionnaire for the profile suggests three possible answers to each question with a corresponding point value. The possible answers and their corresponding values are:

Almost always - 10

Sometimes - 5

Hardly ever - 0

For example, if your dog is a Beagle, the answer to the question "When presented with the opportunity, does your dog sniff the ground or air?" is probably "Almost always", giving him a score of 10.

You may not have had the chance to observe all of these behaviors, in which case you leave the answer blank.

When presented with the opportunity:

1	Does YOUR DOG sniff the ground or air a lot?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
2	Does YOUR DOG get along with other dogs?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
3	Does YOUR DOG stand its ground or investigate strange objects or sounds?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
4	Does YOUR DOG run away from new situations?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
5	Does YOUR DOG get excited my moving objects, such as bikes or squirrels?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
6	Does YOUR DOG get along with people?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
7	Does YOUR DOG like to play tug of war games to win?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
8	Does YOUR DOG hide behind you when unable to cope	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
9	Does YOUR DOG stalk cats, other dogs or things in the grass?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
10	Does YOUR DOG bark when left alone?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
11	Does YOUR DOG bark or growl in a deep tone?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
12	Does YOUR DOG act fearful in unfamiliar situations?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
13	Does YOUR DOG, when excited, bark in a high-pitched voice?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
14	Does YOUR DOG solicit petting or like to snuggle with you?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
15	Does YOUR DOG guard territory?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
16	Does YOUR DOG tremble or whine when unsure?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
17	Does YOUR DOG pounce on toys?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
18	Does YOUR DOG like to be groomed?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
19	Does YOUR DOG guard food or toys?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
20	Does YOUR DOG crawl or turn upside down when reprimanded?  © 1993 Wendy Volhard	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>

21	Does YOUR DOG shake and "kill" toys?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
22	Does YOUR DOG seek eye contact with you?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
23	Does YOUR DOG dislike being petted?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
24	Is YOUR DOG reluctant to come close to you when called?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
25	Does YOUR DOG steal food or garbage?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
26	Does YOUR DOG follow you around like a shadow?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
27	Does YOUR DOG dislike being groomed or bathed?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
28	Does YOUR DOG have difficulty standing still when groomed?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
29	Does YOUR DOG like to carry things?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
30	Does YOUR DOG play a lot with other dogs?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
31	Does YOUR DOG guard the owner(s)	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
32	Does YOUR DOG cringe when someone strange bends over him/her?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
33	Does YOUR DOG wolf down food?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
34	Does YOUR DOG jump up to greet people?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
35	Does YOUR DOG like to fight with other dogs?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
36	Does YOUR DOG urinate during greeting behavior?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
37	Does YOUR DOG like to dig and bury things?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
38	Does YOUR DOG show reproductive behaviors, such as courting or mounting other dogs?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
39	Does YOUR DOG get picked on by other dogs (Either now or when it was young?)	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
40	Does YOUR DOG tend to bite when cornered?	10 5 0	<b>Almost always</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>Hardly ever</b>
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## Scoring the Profile

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Prey drive</b>	<b>Total Pack Drive</b>	<b>Total Fight Drive</b>	<b>Total Flight Drive</b>

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