

SCORING YOUR DOG'S BEHAVIOUR

HOW TO CONTACT THE ANIMAL WARDEN SERVICE

DOG BEHAVIOUR

Score:

1 - never, 2 - rarely, 3 - sometimes, 4 - often, 5 - always

Does your dog pull towards or chase other dogs or people?	
Does your dog bite while playing even if it is only playfully biting?	
Does your dog bark, whine or move about when it is travelling in a car?	
Does your dog bark or misbehave when it is left on its own?	
Does your dog bark when there is someone at your door?	
Does your dog use your house as a toilet or mark in inappropriate places?	
Does your dog chew items not given to it or other things that it shouldn't have?	
Is your dog badly behaved or over excited around children?	
Does your dog bark at passers by, at noises or for no apparent reason?	
Does your dog get aggressive with other dogs even playfully?	
Does your dog steal food or other items it should not have?	
Is your dog an attention seeker or constantly wants to play or get stroked?	
Does your dog go through doorways and gateways or up the stairs before you?	
Does your dog pull either forwards or backwards on the lead?	
Has your dog ever bitten or growled at another dog?	
Does your dog refuse to come back when it is called?	
Does your dog damage your home or yours or your family's property?	
Is your dog aggressive while at the vet or being examined or groomed by you?	
Does your dog chase cars or bicycles or any other moving vehicle?	
Does your dog jump up at people when they visit you or meet you while out?	

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By telephone:

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- Anlaby
- Beverley
- Bridlington
- Brough
- Cottingham
- Driffield
- Goole
- Hedon
- Hessle
- Hornsea
- Howden
- Market Weighton
- Pocklington
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IS YOUR DOG A GOOD DOG?

A well-behaved and socialised dog is a joy to own or meet. It will be welcomed by other like-minded dogs and their owners and is more likely to be tolerated by non-owners than a boisterous animal that seemingly does as it pleases.

A dog that approaches other dogs and owners while out walking can either make the walk a more pleasant social experience or spoil it for everyone concerned by not being properly under control. A dog may play an active part in a family day out or holiday, or it may be left at home because it is too much trouble, misbehaves in the car or cannot be trusted to act appropriately in public.

There is a lot of truth in the saying 'There is no such thing as a bad dog'. Most badly behaved dogs are misunderstood, untrained or simply bored. It is unnerving to have a dog run towards you barking or jumping up at you especially if you are wary of dogs. In the case of a child, vulnerable adult or a person frightened of dogs this may lead to serious injury and formal action against the owner.

Remember, a well trained dog is a happy dog Are you a responsible dog owner?

Do you always 'bag it and bin it' if your dog fouls in an inappropriate place and either put it in a designated bin or take it home? Does your dog have a metal tag or plate attached to its collar bearing its owner's name and address?

Have you asked your neighbours if your dog barks, howls or whines when it is at home alone? Are you sure your dog is never out on its own? If you have answered 'no' to any of the above questions you are breaking the law and, in the event of a complaint, risking formal action being taken.

HOW WELL DID YOUR DOG SCORE?

1-20	11-40	41-60	61-80	80+
Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5

Grade 1:

Congratulations, you have a well-behaved socialised dog that will be a joy to own.

Grade 2:

You have a potentially well-behaved socialised dog, but a little more training is needed to improve the dog's responses in certain situations.

Grade 3:

These dogs tend to be wonderful pets but have a few behavioural problems. Often their owners do not consider these bad enough to need training and are therefore missing out on having a really great-to-be-with-anywhere, well-behaved dog.

Grade 4:

Your dog may have issues that, if not dealt with, could become serious. You may blame your dog for these but dogs of all ages can change their behaviour with time, patience, understanding and training.

Grade 5:

You may be feeling at the end of your tether with your dog and not know what to do about it. You may be considering parting with your dog. Your dog may be considered 'out of control' if it were in a public place.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT?

The Animal Wardens promote the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme. This is a scheme intended for pet dogs and their owners or handlers. People and dogs of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend. The classes are fun and informal but focus on training and socialising dogs and promoting responsible dog ownership.

On a successful completion of an assessment at the end of the course, a rosette and certificate is presented for the Bronze level and a certificate and optional rosette for the Silver and Gold levels.

Visits to schools and other groups to help keep children and vulnerable adults safe around dogs. A presentation is delivered which is tailored to meet the needs, and at a level appropriate to the learning ability, of the audience which can vary in age from 3 years to adult.

The main issues addressed are:

- Safety at or near home with your own or known dogs
- Safety when confronted by an unknown dog
- The fear of dogs
- Understanding dog behaviour
- Responsible dog ownership

Information and presentations regarding our work and becoming an Animal Warden is also available for older school groups.