

# How Is Your Dog's Appetite?

Take this short survey to see if it's something to discuss with your veterinarian.

Gradual or sudden loss of appetite may be a sign that your dog is sick. Over time, not eating could potentially lead to weight loss and muscle weakness for your dog. Prolonged decrease or loss of appetite can become as harmful as the possible underlying condition.

The following information is provided as a guide for rating your dog's appetite. After completing the survey, you are encouraged to print, share and discuss the results with your veterinarian.



Select the answer that best describes your dog for each of the following statements.

## Willingness to eat:

- Always have to coax to eat or refuses food
- Often have to coax to eat
- Sometimes have to coax to eat
- Never have to coax to eat
- Never coax as dog always eats with enthusiasm

## When food is placed in front of dog:

- Avoids or refuses food
- Slow to eat food
- Eats food offered in reasonable time
- Eats food offered quickly
- Eats food offered rapidly, with enthusiasm

## Anticipating meal time:

- Avoids or hides when food bowl is filled
- Little interest in meal time
- Comes to eat when called
- Anticipates meal time
- Runs to food bowl

## Your dog:

- Eats no food without being force fed
- Eats half or less of food offered
- Eats most food offered
- Eats all food offered
- Eats all food offered and begs for more

## Hunger/begging behavior:

- Never seeks food, never begs
- Rarely seeks or begs for food
- Sometimes seeks or begs for food when sees, smells, or hears food
- Always seeks food when sees, smells, or hears food
- Actively seeks food even when your pet does not see, smell, or hear food

## Your dog's total score:

**If your dog's score is 15 or less, veterinary internal medicine consultants recommend that you share and discuss the results with your veterinarian.**