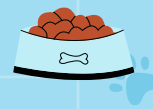




A Guide for How to Answer the Pet Behavior Questions:

We will be asking you about how your dog approached and ate the food. Here are some definitions to help guide your evaluation.



We are asking that you watch your dog for the first 5 minutes or so after they start eating

(i.e., their first feeding bout) to answer some of these questions.



The weigh out and weigh back process is always the same in how much is offered and how long to feed is always 20 minutes.

EAT IMMEDIATELY: DID YOUR DOG START EATING IMMEDIATELY ONCE THEY REACHED THE BOWL WITH FOOD?



Answer **YES** if:

- Your dog arrived at the bowl and immediately took mouthfuls of food or
- Your dog took a momentary sniff (<1 second) of the food before eating



Answer **NO** if:

- your dog arrived at the bowl and did not eat any of the food within 1 second of arrival

PAUSING: HOW FREQUENTLY DID YOUR DOG PAUSE WHILE EATING THIS PRODUCT?

A **PAUSE** means the dog stops chewing for 1-2 seconds while it is still positioned at the bowl and engaged in eating.

- The head can lift from the bowl during the meal but must remain continually chewing, if not it would be considered a pause

If your dog pauses after almost every mouthful of food, it is considered to be pausing frequently.

SPEED: HOW FAST DID YOUR DOG EAT THE PRODUCT?



VERY SLOW: the dog has very slow jaw movements and takes very tentative mouthfuls of food



VERY FAST: the dog demonstrates gulping behaviors and has rapid jaw movements while chewing their food

FOCUS: HOW FOCUSED WAS YOUR DOG ON THE FOOD WHILE EATING?



NOT FOCUSED: The dog will spend most of the time not eating the food, head raised, looking around the environment and only eating occasional 1-2 mouthfuls



COMPLETELY FOCUSED the dog is not distracted in any way, with its head entirely in bowl, eating, during the observation period

