

## Livestock working (Herding) Dog Assessment Form

This form is produced by The University of Sydney Farm Dog Project to collect trait information on Australian stock herding dogs. For participant information on the project please go to: [http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience/research/animal\\_behaviour/farmdog/](http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience/research/animal_behaviour/farmdog/).

This form should take about 5 minutes to complete. It is important that all questions are answered. You may complete the form anonymously as you are not obliged to leave your personal details. Your personal details will not be linked to your responses and your contact details will not be passed on to any third party. By completing this form you will be contributing to our knowledge of stock herding dogs. The information you provide will assist with ongoing research at the University of Sydney. We believe this will benefit working farm dogs and their owners/handlers/breeders.

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## **Before we begin, we need some information about you...**

The information collected will not be publicly connected to you or your dog. It will be used to investigate how traits are passed on to offspring. Please be critical in the assessments and reporting of your dogs' behaviour as variation in scores is needed to identify genetic differences.

**1. Please enter your name**

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**2. Country \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Australia
- New Zealand
- United States of America
- England
- Wales
- Ireland
- Scotland
- Denmark
- Netherlands
- France
- Germany
- Spain
- Norway
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. State**

If within Australia

*Mark only one oval.*

- Australian Capital Territory
- Queensland
- Tasmania
- Northern Territory
- Victoria
- New South Wales
- Western Australia
- South Australia

**4. How many dogs do you own?**

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**Now for your dog...****5. Dog's name \***

Include stud prefix if applicable

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**6. Date of birth \***

If you do not know the specific date, please select 1 for the day or 1 for both the day and month

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*Example: December 15, 2012***7. Sex \****Mark only one oval.*

- Male entire
- Male desexed
- Female entire
- Female desexed

**8. Breed \****Mark only one oval.*

- Kelpie
- Border Collie
- Koolie
- Australian Cattle Dog
- Kelpie x
- Border Collie x
- Koolie x
- Australian Cattle Dog x
- NZ Huntaway
- NZ Heading dog
- Kelpie x Border Collie
- Kelpie x Coolie
- Border Collie x Coolie
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Coat colour \****Mark only one oval.*

- Black and Tan
- Red and Tan
- Black and Tan with White markings
- Red and Tan with White markings
- Black
- Red
- Blue
- Blue and Tan
- Fawn
- Fawn and Tan
- Black and White
- Red and White
- Brown and White
- Red Merle
- Blue Merle
- White
- Cream/Yellow
- Chocolate
- Brown
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. This dog is registered with: \****Check all that apply.*

- Not registered
- Working Kelpie Council of Australia
- Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association
- NSW Sheepdog Workers Inc.
- Tasmanian Working Sheepdog Association
- Queensland Working Sheep Dog Association
- Western Australian Working Sheepdog Association
- The Australian Working Border Collie Registry
- International Sheep Dog Society
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Registration Number (if applicable)**

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**12. Sire (if known)**

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**13. Dam (if known)**

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**14. Dog's main type of work \****Check all that apply.*

- Paddock  
 Yard  
 Utility (Paddock and Yard)  
 Droving  
 Trucks

**15. Dog works the following stock \****Check all that apply.*

- Sheep  
 Cattle  
 Goats  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**16. Does this dog participate in trials? \****Mark only one oval.*

- Yes  
 No

**17. Please select the dog's main housing \****Mark only one oval.*

- Pen/Yard  
 Cage  
 Chain  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**18. This dog is usually housed \****Mark only one oval.*

- Individually  
 As a pair  
 In a group

## Traits Section 1 - With Stock

Please rate how the dog is when working with stock. For each of the traits, please tick one of the five boxes (from 'Very low' to 'Very high') to best describe this dog.

19. \*

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	very low	low	average	high	very high	I don't know
Confidence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Calmness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intelligence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trainability (easiness to train)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boldness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Patience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Timidness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Persistence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hyperactivity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Initiative taking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Excitability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obedience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nervousness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Impulsiveness (has sudden, strong urges to act; acts without forethought; acts without considering effects of actions)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stamina	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Traits Section 2 - Without Stock

Please rate how the dog is in situations without/away from stock.

20. \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	very low	low	average	high	very high	I don't know
Confidence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Calmness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intelligence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trainability (easiness to train)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boldness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Patience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Timidness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Persistence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hyperactivity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Initiative taking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Excitability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obedience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Impulsiveness (has sudden, strong urges to act; acts without forethought; acts without considering effects of actions)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sociability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friendliness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### Traits Section 3 - Working ability

Please rate how and how well the dog works with stock.

21. \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	extremely poor	poor	average	good	excellent
Cast	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gather	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Force	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cover	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Head	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hold	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Balance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Break	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Back	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Initiative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anticipation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trainability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural ability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



22. \*  
Mark only one oval per row.

	none	weak	light	medium	strong	over
Eye	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. \*  
Mark only one oval per row.

	very low	low	average	high	very high
Confidence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Calmness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. \*  
Mark only one oval per row.

	extremely shy	shy	moderate	bold	extremely bold
Boldness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. \*  
Mark only one oval per row.

	inadequate	appropriate	excessive
Bark	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bite	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cast	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Force	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. \*  
Please rate the dog's actual use of this behaviour when working  
Mark only one oval per row.

	never	very rarely	rarely	occasionally	frequently	very frequently
Bark	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bite	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. \*  
Mark only one oval per row.

	one of the worst dogs I have ever seen/trained	below average	about average	above average	one of the best dogs I have ever seen/trained
Overall ability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Training and Obedience

Some dogs are more obedient and trainable than others. By marking the appropriate choices, please indicate how trainable or obedient your dog has been in each of the following situations in the recent past.

28. \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	never	seldom	sometimes	usually	always	not observed / not applicable
When off the leash, returns immediately when called	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obeys the 'sit' command immediately	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obeys the 'stay' command immediately	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seems to attend/listen closely to everything you say or do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slow to respond to correction or punishment; 'thick-skinned'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slow to learn new tricks or tasks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easily distracted by interesting sights, sounds or smells	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Will 'fetch' or attempt to fetch sticks, balls or objects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### Additional information on this dog

29. If you would like to provide more specific details about this dog and how they work stock

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### Would you be willing to provide a DNA sample from your dog for genetic analysis?

Please leave your contact details below. All information will be kept confidential.

If you agree, we will contact you to organise sending a saliva collection swab with instructions and a reply paid envelope.

30. Mark only one oval.

- Yes, I would like to supply a DNA sample from this dog
- I have already supplied a DNA sample from this dog
- No, I do not wish to supply a DNA sample

31. **Name**

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32. **Email address**

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33. **Phone number**

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## Thank you for completing the Herding Dog Assessment Form

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Please click submit to finish. If you have another dog to submit details for, you will be provided with a link back to a new form after clicking submit.

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