

CANINE ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT LOG

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Completing the Enrichment Log

Complete the table to track enrichment experiences for your dogs.

You can tailor your use of this checklist to best suit your needs with your dogs. Simply check the box to indicate provision of the opportunity, or also write a note indicating further details about the experience. For example:

- Who was the interaction with?
- What type of food was used?
- Provide a participation score to inform further enrichment activities such as:

3 = used/liked,
2 = did not use/neutral,
1 = avoided/disliked.


The comments box allows for further reflection on how the dog is responding to each category of enrichment overall, and any needed changes.


Quick Tips

Tip: Consistently monitor the dog's body language to ensure that they are enjoying the experience (Learn more - Body Language Handout).

Tip: As recommended by the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, all training activities shall be implemented using the most effective and humane, scientifically-based methods of force-free, positive reinforcement training.



 **Tip:** Strictly supervise a dog's first interactions with enrichment activities to ensure safety. Monitor with toys and chews until you are sure the dog will not break off pieces that are sharp or can be swallowed.

 **Tip:** Maintain biosecurity and behavioral health measures through sanitizing and screening practices for all dogs, humans, and objects that the dog will interact with.

ENRICHMENT



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DOG ID: _____

START DATE: _____

| | Date | Date | Date | Date | Date | Date | Date |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Social Enrichment | | | | | | | |
| Housing (group/pair) | | | | | | | |
| Supervised compatible dog play | | | | | | | |
| Human interaction (play, stroke, walk) | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | |
| Comments: | | | | | | | |
| Nutritional Enrichment | | | | | | | |
| Puzzle feeder | | | | | | | |
| Food search | | | | | | | |
| Alternating food/treats/chews | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | |
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|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Occupational Enrichment | | | | | | | |
| Force -free training- basic and tricks | | | | | | | |
| Job/sport training- fetch, agility, herding | | | | | | | |
| Food puzzles | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | |
| Comments: | | | | | | | |
| Physical Enrichment | | | | | | | |
| Physical features added to outdoor areas (digging, water, surfaces, tunnel, play structures) | | | | | | | |
| Physical features added to home pen (ramp, platform, steps, bed) | | | | | | | |
| Toys (rotate) | | | | | | | |
| Chew items (rotate) | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | |
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| Sensory Enrichment | | | | | | | |
| Visual: light, colors, TV, objects placed outside the run | | | | | | | |
| Auditory: music, natural sounds | | | | | | | |
| Olfactory: herbs, spices, commercially available animal scents | | | | | | | |
| Gustatory: food, treats, chew items | | | | | | | |
| Tactile: ground textures, handling, brushing | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | |
| Comments: | | | | | | | |

Tip: Share your dog's favorite enrichment activities, toys and chews in the records that accompany dogs during rehoming. This will help set dogs up for success in their new homes!