

# WHAT IS PREY DRIVE?

## Worksheet

Apply the knowledge about prey drive to your dog. Answer the following 4 questions with the knowledge you have right now. You can always come back and redo it if something new happens.

As much as you can, when you answer, think about what your dog has done with live prey.

If you can't answer a question because you haven't been in that situation, or your dog doesn't do any of what is described, just leave it blank.

This will give you an idea of which of the four stages are most important to your dog.

## Question 1: Searching

How intense is your dog when it comes to searching or hunting for their prey triggers?

- Mild – Your dog doesn't often do this stage. If they do, either it's rare or they are easy to distract and redirect.
- Moderate – If your dog is performing this stage, you can get their attention and they could follow more complex cues or commands (e.g., a few steps of heel or some simple tricks).
- High – If your dog is performing this stage, it is hard to get their attention. They may only follow simple, well-known cues (like a hand touch or chin rest).
- Extreme – If your dog is performing this stage, you can't get their attention and they don't respond to known cues.

## Question 2: Approaching

How intense is your dog when it comes to approaching their prey triggers?

Approach includes orient, eye and stalk behaviours

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- Moderate – If your dog is performing this stage, you can get their attention and they could follow more complex cues or commands (a few steps of heel or some simple tricks).
- High – If your dog is performing this stage, it is hard to get their attention. They may only follow simple, well-known cues (like a hand touch or chin rest).
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## Question 3: Chasing

How intense is your dog when it comes to chasing their prey triggers?

- Mild – Your dog doesn't often do this stage. If they do, either it's rare or they are easy to distract and redirect.
- Moderate – If your dog is performing this stage, you can get their attention and they could follow more complex cues or commands (a few steps of heel or some simple tricks).
- High – If your dog is performing this stage, it is hard to get their attention. They may only follow simple, well-known cues (like a hand touch or chin rest).
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## Question 4: Biting

How intense is your dog when it comes to biting their prey triggers?

They may bite and release, prod with their nose or paws, pick up and carry, pick up and shake or pull apart in this stage.

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