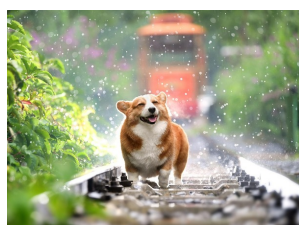


## Lincoln Canine Adaptability Scale (L-CARS)

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**Lincoln Canine Adaptability Resilience Scale**

Enter your details here

Dog's Name:

Dog's Type:

Dog's Age (in years):

Dog's Sex:

Handler Status:

**Your Questionnaire Results**

Below are your results

**Factor 1**  
low  
0.62

**Factor 2**  
low  
0.53

The calculator generates two scores relating to different aspects of resilience:

1. Adaptability/Behavioural Flexibility (1 item): This reflects the dog's ability to bounce back from adversity, respond to stressors and the ability to handle and adapt to change.

2. Perseverance (1 item): This reflects the dog's capacity to tolerate and withstand disruptions, with the ability to maintain independent thinking challenges.

Factor	Normal range
Factor 1 (Adaptability/Behavioural Flexibility)	0.50 - 1.00
Factor 2 (Perseverance)	0.60 - 1.00

\* Your dog scores higher than the top range. It has exceptional resilience, but if it scores lower you may need to seek professional help to strengthen your dog's capacity and to ensure that your dog stays from this resilience branch is learned.

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Resilience is often described as the ability to 'bounce back' following adversity and dogs vary in their ability to cope with stress. This is the first canine 'resilience' scale. It consists of two components: one describes "Adaptability/behavioural flexibility" and the other "Perseverance", which are also described in the human literature on resilience. These traits have predictive validity for a range of problem behaviours and should give you greater insight into your dog.

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