**Version of FAS Scale - Dogs**

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**ZERO**

* No signs of FAS. Dog displays relaxed body language and solicits social interactions with team members.
* Normal behavior patterns including eating, grooming, resting, playing, exercising, and sleeping.

|  | **ONE** | **TWO** | **THREE** | **FOUR** | **FIVE** |
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| Ears | Ears slightly back or to the side | Ears slightly back or to the side | Ears slightly back or to the side | Forward or back | Forward or back |
| Eyes | Looking directly or  Avoiding eye contact, looking away  Partially dilated pupils | Looking directly or  Avoiding eye contact, looking away  Moderate pupil dilation  Tense brow | Looking directly or avoiding eye contact, looking away  Moderate pupil dilation  Tense brow | Full pupil dilation  Showing whites of eyes  Tense brow | Direct eye contact  Hard stare  Full pupil dilation  Showing whites of eyes  Tense brow |
| Body / Position | Approaches  May offer appeasement gesture (lift paw) | Approaches, moving slowly  Unable to settle, fidgeting  Engages in displacement behaviors | Approaches, moving slowly  Does not approach  Oscillating between approach and avoidance Unable to settle, fidgeting  Engages in displacement behaviors | Immobility or active avoidance  Unable to settle, fidgeting  Pacing/jumping on kennel | Immobility or escape behavior  Maintains or decreases distance while engaging in a threat display  Lunging |
| Tail Position | Neutral  Slightly raised above spine  Slightly down | Raised above spine  Piloerection  Hanging down | Raised above spine  Piloerection  Hanging down | Tall above spine  Piloerection  Tucked | Tall above spine  Piloerection  Tucked (under body) |
| Mouth | Closed  Panting (commissures of lips are relaxed) | Closed  Panting with a tighter mouth, stress lines in face | Panting with a tighter mouth  Clasps and/or mounts handler and/or leash, easy to redirect  Grabs and bites leash, easy to redirect  Jumping and mouthing, easy to redirect | Excessive panting (tongue tight instead of loose out of the mouth)  Increased respiration rate  Tense closed mouth  Intermittent barking or whining and barking  Clasps and/or mounts handler and/or leash, hard to redirect  Grabs and bites leash, hard to redirect  Jumping and mouthing, hard to redirect | Persistent Growling, barking, snarling, snapping  Showing front teeth, lip pucker (lips pulled forward)  Tongue tight and thin  Drooling  Repeatedly clasps and/or mounts handler and/or leash, hard to redirect  Repeatedly grabs and bites leash, hard to redirect  Persistent jumping and mouthing, hard to redirect |
| Engagement | Interested in reinforcers (treats, play, attention) and chooses to interact with team member | Overly attention seeking. Readily accepts reinforcement (treats, toys, and attention)  Soliciting interactions with team member | May refuse reinforcements for brief moments but recovers. Might take treats roughly at times.  May be hesitant to interact with team members but not actively avoiding team members. | May or may not be accepting any types of reinforcers. Not interested in interacting with team members and may be showing active avoidance (moving away).  Dog recovers (ceases barking) when kennel door opens. | Does not accept any types of reinforcers. Not interested in interacting with team members and may be showing active avoidance (moving away).  Dog does not recover (ceases barking) when kennel door opens. |
| Other |  |  |  | Intermittent fence fighting with other dogs  Poor appetite (medical has been ruled out) | Stereotypic behaviors in the kennel (pacing, spinning, wall rebounding, tail chasing, fence biting/licking)  Consistent fence fighting with other dogs  Feces smeared all over the kennel  Poor appetite (medical has been ruled out) |