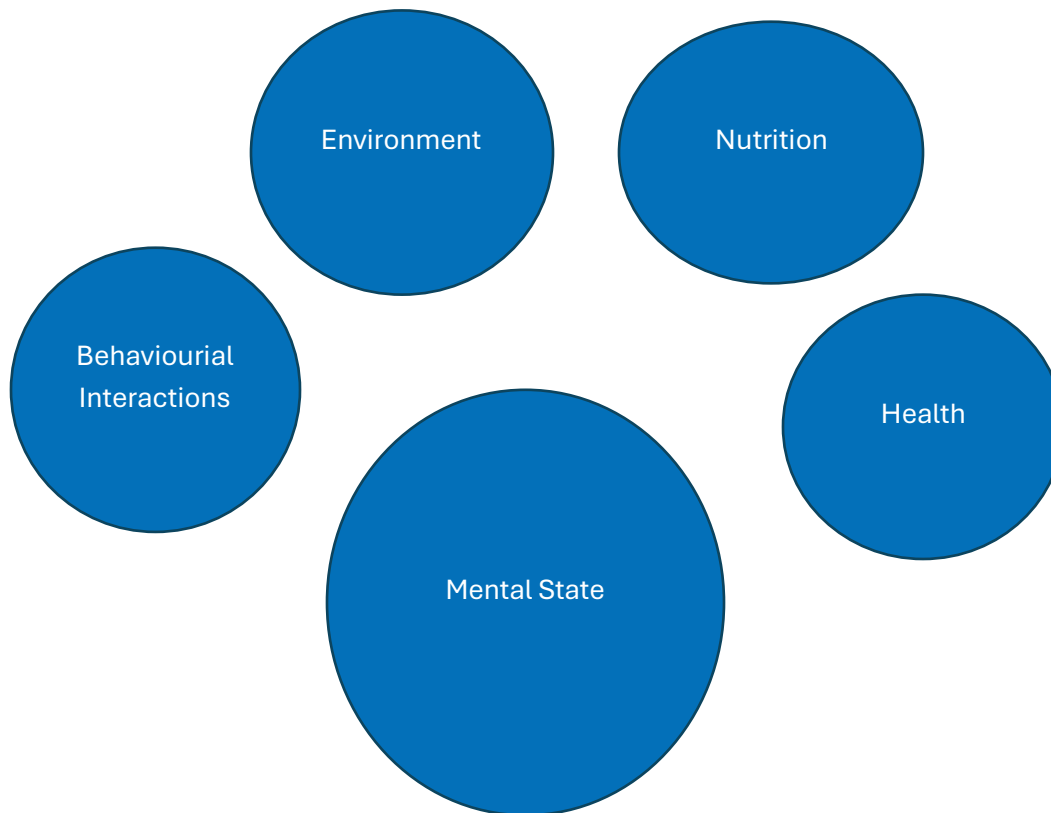


Assistance Dog Welfare Assessment Tool



For every physical experience a dog has, there is likely to be an effect on their mental wellbeing.

How can we make this a PAWSitive?

Nutrition

- Provide a balanced diet suitable for your dog's age, breed and health status
- Using feeding as an opportunity for enrichment e.g. puzzle feeders, kongs
- Making sure they always have access to fresh water

Environment

- Creating a safe and comfortable living space:
 - Suitable space and freedom of choice
 - Personal space where they can retreat

Health

- Keeping your dog up to date with vaccinations, worming and flea treatment. Seek veterinary care ASAP if you notice anything out of the ordinary!

Behavioural interactions

- Interactions with other dogs - provide them with opportunities to play, socialise and explore (off duty)
- Interactions with other humans – provide them with opportunities to meet other humans (off duty)
- Interactions with the environment – provide opportunities to explore different environments.
- Spending quality time with them every day to help strengthen your bond.
- Using reward-based training techniques to reinforce good behaviour and discourage undesirable behaviours.

Mental state

- Protecting them from situations where they might become scared, frustrated or distressed.
- Doing your best to ensure they get all the love, care, understanding and companionship they need to live their healthiest and happiest life!