

IS MY DOG LOSING THEIR HEARING?

A Quick-Check Guide for Dog Parents

Having a hard time deciding if your dog is losing their hearing or just ignoring you (again)?

Use this checklist to spot the most common signs of hearing loss in dogs. Check off anything that sounds familiar. If you're ticking several boxes, it might be time to look into next steps.

Behavioral Signs

- ☐ Sleeps through loud noises
- ☐ Startles easily when touched
- ☐ Watches you more closely
- ☐ Follows you from room to room more frequently
- ☐ Barks more or more loudly

Environmental Signs

- ☐ Doesn't respond to name
- ☐ Doesn't react to doorbell or knocks
- ☐ Doesn't hear you come home
- ☐ Doesn't respond to fun noises like squeaky toys or treat bags
- ☐ Doesn't wake to normal household sounds

Safety Concerns

- ☐ Seems unsure outdoors
- ☐ Misses cues on walks
- ☐ Slower to notice household movement

What To Do Next

- Talk to your vet
- Start adding hand signals
- Avoid startling your dog
- Use visual or vibration clues
- Keep them on-leash in unfenced areas

