VOICES

Temperament Scoring

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District Extension Agent, Livestock & Natural Resources

My Grandfather would often spend time sitting down, whittling and people watching as we traveled on family vacations or while Grandma did her shopping. I've got fond memories of the times spent in conversation with him as we observed human behavior. Having just pushed all my cows through a chute multiple times in the process of artificial insemination, differences in temperament become clear! Recording and managing temperament should be a consideration for beef producers.

Cattle temperament is defined in literature by the animal's response to handling or forced movement by humans. It is a pattern of how an animal distinguishes alarming or challenging situations. Responses can be as small as vocalization, increased respiration, or nervous movements. However, responses can also be extreme, like attempting escape or charging. This is important to producers due to the risk to human safety and animal welfare when cattle respond negatively. Temperament traits, like aggression and fear, can be



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detrimental.

"Handling Temperament" is the most-common set of traits studied, and practical measures are available to determine animal temperament. To understand what is observed, there are a few things to define and observe. Keep the following in mind. Response time - does the animal respond quickly or hesitantly? Adaptation - how

easily does the animal adapt to new situations? Level of activity - are animals alert, walking around and exploring? Reaction threshold what level of stimulation is required for the animal to respond? Finally, Intensity - when the animal does respond, how intense is their reaction?

Assessments can easily be observed and recorded during routine handling. While you have the cattle up and ready to work, scores can be assigned and added to your recordkeeping. There are many factors that can influence an animal's reaction, so these measures should be repeated if used to make culling or breeding decisions. The value of these measures depends on repeatability; the suggestion

is three times for accuracy, as temperament is usually stable over time.

The Beef Improvement Federation offers standardized scoring systems in a few different settings. "Pen score" guidelines for evaluating temperament of cattle in a small group penned in a small lot. These range from a score of 1 - Non-Aggressive to 5 - Very Aggressive.

"Chute score" guidelines for evaluating temperament of cattle individually restrained in a chute. These scores range from 1 - Docile to 5 - Very Aggressive. Additionally, an "exit velocity" is measured as the speed at which an animal clears a specified distance. This test can be conducted easily when cattle are exiting a chute; set a distance and have someone observe the animal. Scores range from 1 - Walk (Slow) to 4 -Run (Very Fast). Variations of scoring systems exist; the goal is to use the same score over the years and benchmark.

These assessments are an easy way to determine the temperament of your livestock, ensuring the safety of animals and humans during handling events. Temperament is a moderately heritable trait, so putting selection pressure on temperament can make a difference on herd docility. There are a few good University references for this topic if you want to learn more. The University of Nebraska "Chute Scoring Cattle for Temperament" and University of Missouri "Managing the Effects of Stress and Temperament on Beef Cattle Reproduction" address this topic well.

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any provision of this ordinance by allowing his or her dogs

any time be allowed to run at

large within the city limits of

Section 3. Any violations of this

Lancaster, Kansas.

the City Council.

olation of a city ordinance and upon the first conviction shall be fined not less than \$75.00. upon conviction of the second offense within a one year period from the date of the first offense a fine of not less than

\$150.00 and upon conviction

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of the third or more times with less than a year period from the date of the first conviction a fine of not less than \$300.00, with judgment after the third offense. There must be a formal complaint filed with the City Council before violations can be awarded.

Section 5. No keeper, owner, harborer of any dog shall allow such dog to be loud, by frequently and habitually barking, howling, or yelping which annoys or disturbs any neighbor or person within the City of

Lancaster. Section 6. Any person violating provision 5 of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an ordinance violation and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00. Proof of violation, i.e. video and a formal complaint, needs to be submitted to City Council before conviction can

occur. Section 7. All dogs shall be licensed by the City of Lancaster by obtaining a dog tag for \$1.00 for each dog tag from the City Council. Said tag shall be obtained annually with the first date of renewal being January 1. In addition, all State approved dog kennels must obtain a license for \$1.00 from the City Council. Said license shall be obtained annually with the first date of renewal being

January 1. Section 8. In the event that any section of the Ordinance conflicts with any other section of the City Ordinances of Lancaster, the sections of this Ordinance shall control.

Section 9. This Ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 179 and shall be in force and effect after its publication once in the official City newspaper, the Atchison Daily Globe.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the governing body and approved by the Mayor of Lancaster, Kansas, this 13th day of May, 2025

Ryan Hermreck Mayor ATŤEST: Kasee Chalfant, City Clerk May 13, 2025 Publish: Atchison Globe Date: June 13, 2025 3570030