

# Potential Causes of Psychological Trauma in Dogs

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**"Abuse - physical or emotional in nature"(1)**



**Working dogs on duty - "exposure to combat and explosions, search and rescue work, police work"(1)**



**Aversive confinement (1) & Social Isolation (2).**



**Re-homing - "involves repeated disruption of life events and social relationships, preventing the establishment of a secure base and sense of stability"(1)**



**"Hoarding - extreme stress due to competition for scarce resources" (1)**



**"Natural disasters - loss of home environment and social bonds, often including physical trauma"**



**Fighting - internal dog-to-dog family fighting causing severe physical injury or repeated attacks creating severe stress (3)**



**Physical trauma and injury - wide variety of adverse physical conditions (1)**



**Racing - Greyhound dogs, often severely stressed (1)**



**Forced work - for example, sled dogs, animals in entertainment (circus acts, movies and television, marine animal parks).(1)**



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