

CANINE BEHAVIOR CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL INFORMATION		
Name: _____		Date of consultation: _____
Address: _____ _____		Postal code: _____
		Email: _____
Phone: Home: ()	Business: ()	Fax: ()
For referred cases: Veterinarian's name & clinic: _____		Clinic phone: _____
Clinic address: _____		
How did you hear about our service? _____		

PET INFORMATION			
Pet's name: _____			Date of birth: _____
Weight: _____	Sex: M/F	Neutered: Y/N	Age neutered: _____
Any change after neutering? _____			
Breed: _____	Color: _____	Age obtained: _____	
Where did you obtain this pet? _____		Breeder (if applicable): _____	
Describe previous home/homes (if known): _____ _____			
For what purpose was your pet obtained? _____ _____			
Behavior of parents or littermates (if known): _____			
Briefly describe your dog's personality (e.g., quiet, confident, excitable, unruly, bold, stubborn, etc.) _____ _____			

THE HOME ENVIRONMENT	
Type of food: _____	How often is your pet fed? _____
When fed? _____	Type of treat(s)? _____
How often do you give treats? _____	When do you give treats? _____
List any supplements: _____	
List all other pets, including species, breed, age, and sex: _____ _____	
Describe how your pets get along with each other: _____ _____	
List each family member living in the home (include sex and age of children): _____ _____	
Describe briefly how your pet gets along with each family member including any problems: _____ _____	

LEARNING ASSESSMENT

What is your dog's favorite reward?

If you could give your dog ANY food as a reward, what would be the favorite? List the top five: _____

Other than food, what rewards (e.g., toy, affection) would be most enticing to your dog? List the top five: _____

DAILY ACTIVITIES AND ROUTINE

Type of exercise/play:

Who exercises/plays?

How often/how long?

Favorite game(s):

Favorite toy(s):

Where is your dog's favored sleeping spot?

Where does the dog sleep at night?

Have you ever used a crate for confinement? Y/N If yes, describe crate and location _____

Describe the dog's reaction to being crated?

Do you still use a crate? Y/N If no, when and why did you stop?

Briefly describe the usual daily schedule for the family: _____

TRAINING

Has this pet had obedience training? Y/N & Class & Private instructor & I trained my pet at home

Describe training classes your dog has had (including trainer's name if applicable): _____

Type of training collar used

Dog's response

Success (rate 1–5;
1 = poor, 5 = good)

None, trained off leash

Neck collar Y/N If yes, indicate type:

Remote collar Y/N If yes, indicate type, i.e., shock, citronella, etc.

Head halter Y/N If yes, indicate type:

Body harness Y/N If yes, indicate type:

How would you describe the training? Reward-based & Assertive/domineering & Aversive/mostly corrections & Other: &

Briefly describe the training techniques:

What training was most successful?

What training was least successful?

Describe your dog's learning ability:

Is there any ongoing training? Y/N If yes, describe:

List family member(s) with most control: _____

List family member(s) with least control: _____

For each of the following use a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent)
to indicate how your dog responds

1. Sit:	Sit-stay 1 minute:	Sit-stay 5 minutes:	Sit-stay 10 minutes:
2. Down:	Down-stay 1 minute:	Down-stay 5 minutes:	Down-stay 10 minutes:
3. Come (indoors):	Come (in yard):	Come (in park):	
4. Heel – with no distractions:		Heel – with distractions:	

5. Give/drop:

Does your dog know any tricks? Y/N List/explain: _____

Can you get your dog to settle on command? Y/N If yes, describe: _____

PUNISHMENT

Have you ever used any of the following for punishment or training?

1. Physical punishment:	Y/N	Dog's reaction:
2. Noise punishment (shaker can/siren):	Y/N	Dog's reaction:
3. Ultrasonic:	Y/N	Dog's reaction:
4. Water sprayer:	Y/N	Dog's reaction:
5. Verbal reprimands:	Y/N	Dog's reaction:
6. Physical handling: Muzzle grasp:	Y/N	Dog's reaction:
Pinning:	Y/N	Dog's reaction:
7. Time-out:	Y/N	Dog's reaction:
8. Booby traps/repellants:	Y/N	Dog's reaction:

Does punishment make the problem worse? Y/N If yes, describe: _____

Has punishment ever led to threatening behavior or aggression? Y/N Explain: _____

Does your dog respond differently to punishment from different family members? Y/N If yes, describe: _____

HANDLING

How does the dog react to the following types of handling:

Nail trimming?	Ear cleaning?
Brushing?	Bathing?
Rubbing belly?	Patting head?
Grabbing collar?	Being lifted?
Rolling over?	Teeth brushing?
Giving pills?	Giving liquid medications?
Hugging/kissing?	

HOUSETRAINING SCREEN

Where is your dog's primary location for elimination?

On average, how many times a day does your dog a) urinate _____ b) defecate _____	
Is your dog completely housetrained? Y/N	
If Yes, please proceed to Medical Screen If No, please continue to answer the following questions	
Does your dog ever eliminate outdoors? Y/N	Do you accompany your dog to its elimination site? Y/N
What is <i>your dog's</i> favored location outdoors?	
What is <i>your</i> preferred location for your dog to eliminate?	
What do you do after your dog eliminates in the correct location?	
What do you do when you catch your dog soiling in an incorrect location?	
Does your dog signal to eliminate? Y/N If yes, describe:	
About how often does your dog housesoil?	
When is the dog most likely to housesoil?	
Does your dog soil in the home by urinating, defecating indoors or both? (circle one)	
What are the most likely locations for indoor elimination?	
Does your dog house soil when family members are at home? Y/N If yes, describe:	
Does your dog house soil while you are watching? Y/N If yes, describe: _____	
What do you do when you find urine or stool in the improper location?	
Does your dog urine mark? Y/N If yes, describe: _____	
Does your dog ever eliminate in a location where he/she has been sleeping? Y/N	Does your dog ever leak/dribble urine? Y/N
Do you ever confine your dog to a crate? Y/N If yes, does your dog ever eliminate in the crate? Y/N	
Uncontrollable urination when excited? Y/N	Uncontrollable urination when frightened? Y/N
Does urine leak while your dog is a) sleeping? & b) walking? & c) approached by owners? & d) approached by stranger? &	

MEDICAL SCREEN					
Appetite:	Normal &	Voracious &	Decreased &	Picky &	Increased & Eats fast &
Does your pet have any arthritis or other painful conditions? Y/N If yes, describe:					
Have you noticed any deficits in your pet's senses? Y/N If yes, describe: _____					
Does your pet drink or urinate excessively? Y/N If yes, describe: _____					
Stools:	Normal &	Constipation &	Less frequent &	More frequent &	Soft/diarrhea &
Urine:	Normal &	Infrequent &	More frequent &	More volume &	
Does your pet have normal eating and bowel movements? Y/N If no, describe:					
Does your pet have any other medical problems? Y/N If yes, describe: _____					
Is your pet presently on any medication? Y/N If yes, describe (include name, dosage, duration): _____					
Has your pet had any laboratory tests (blood, urine, X-rays, etc.)? Y/N If yes, indicate any abnormal findings: _____					
If this is a referred case, please have your veterinarian complete the medical section of this questionnaire					

DEPARTURE BEHAVIOR SCREENING

When you go out is your dog confined or crated? Y/N If yes, indicate if crated or what areas are restricted: _____

How long is the dog left alone on the average day?

At what time of the day is your dog left alone?

How does your dog react when you prepare to leave?

Has your dog ever been left at a kennel, veterinary office, or with a friend/relative?

If yes, describe your dog's reaction: _____

Is the dog ever alone outdoors? Y/N

How often?

How long (average)?

Where is the dog left when outdoors?

How does your dog react to being left alone outdoors?

Does your dog exhibit any behavior problems when you leave it alone? Y/N

If No, proceed to Reactivity below

If Yes, please continue to answer the following questions

Describe your dog's behavior when left alone at home (list problems and how long after departure they occur): _____

Does the behavior differ depending on length of time or time of day left alone? _____

How does your dog react at the time of departure (as the last person prepares to leave)? _____

Does the behavior differ depending on who is the last to leave? _____

What is the dog's reaction at homecomings? _____

Have you ever left the dog alone in the car? Y/N If yes, how does it react? _____

REACTIVITY – indicate how your dog reacts to each of the following (check all that apply)

Familiar dogs on property:	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &
Familiar dogs off property:	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &
New dogs on property:	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &
New dogs off property:	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &
Strangers outside on property:	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &
Strangers off property:	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &
Strangers arriving indoors:	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &
Car rides:	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &
Thunderstorms/fireworks:	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &
Other loud noises (e.g., shouting):	Calm &	Excited &	Ambivalent &	Fearful &	Friendly &	Aggressive &

AGGRESSION SCREEN				
Has your pet ever displayed any:	Threatening displays? Y/N	Growling? Y/N	Bite attempts? Y/N	Bites? Y/N
When was the most recent attempt to bite or threaten?				
If yes, has this problem been entirely resolved? Y/N				
Situations causing aggression				
Petting/handling/restraint:	growled &	attempted to bite &	bitten &	no aggression &
If yes, describe: _____				
Eating food or treats:	growled &	attempted to bite &	bitten &	no aggression &
If yes, describe: _____				
Chewing toys/stolen objects:	growled &	attempted to bite &	bitten &	no aggression &
If yes, describe: _____				
Waking up:	growled &	attempted to bite &	bitten &	no aggression &
If yes, describe: _____				
If there have been no signs of aggression (growl, bite attempts, biting) or if it has been entirely resolved, then proceed to next page				
Is aggression the primary reason for today's visit? Y/N				
What is the potential for injury: a) none/preventable & b) minimal & c) moderate & d) severe &				
Is the problem serious enough that you will be unable to keep your pet if it is not improved? Y/N				
Is your dog ever aggressive to members of the immediate family? Y/N If yes, who?				
Describe: _____				
Is your dog ever aggressive to visitors to your home? Y/N Were the people known, strangers, or both? (circle one) Describe: _____				
Is your dog aggressive to people when off property? Y/N Were the people known, strangers, or both? (circle one) Describe: _____				
Is there a particular person or type (age, sex, uniforms) that your dog is most likely to threaten or bite? _____				
Is there a particular location or situation where aggression is most likely to occur? _____				
Has your dog ever bitten hard enough to break skin or cause injury? Y/N If yes, describe: _____				
Describe situations where your dog barks, threatens, or growls, but does not bite: _____				
Does your dog ever display aggression to other animals? Y/N If yes, what animals?				
Describe aggression: _____				
When your dog threatens or attempts to bite, how do you handle the situation and what is the dog's reaction? _____				
After your dog has bitten how do you handle the situation and what is the dog's reaction? _____				
How would you describe your dog's attitude at the time of the aggression? (bold, protective, outgoing, fearful, etc.) _____				
How would you describe your dog's expression and postures at the time of aggression? (cowering, ears back, tail tucked, hackles raised, retreating, hiding)				

PRINCIPAL COMPLAINT

What is the primary problem? (Aggressive, destructive, house soiling, barking, etc.):

How would you describe the severity of this problem? (circle one) Mild Moderate Severe

Have you considered euthanasia? Y/N Comment:

Please answer all of the following unless they have been entirely covered in another section

When did the problem begin?

What age was your pet when this problem started?

What do you think caused the problem?

Describe the problem, beginning with the most recent incident:

Describe previous incidents:

Describe the first incident:

How often does the problem occur?

Has there been a recent change in frequency or severity? Y/N If yes, describe:

Describe any changes in the home or the pet's health when the problem first started:

What has been done so far to try and correct the problem?

What has been the dog's response?

List any techniques that have been at all successful:

List any techniques that have made the problem worse:

List any drugs (include dosage) tried so far, and the dog's response to medication:

List any other dietary treatments, supplements, or remedies and the dog's response:

MISCELLANEOUS (please answer any of the following that have not been previously discussed)		
Disobedient:		
Jumps up (owners) Y/N	Jumps up (strangers) Y/N	Won't come when called Y/N
Nips/grabs with mouth Y/N	Only listens when feels like it Y/N	Pushy/demanding Y/N
On furniture where not allowed Y/N	In rooms where not permitted Y/N	
Exploratory: Normal & Infrequent & Increased & Excessive &		
Activity: Normal & Lazy/inactive & Restless/won't settle & Highly active & Overactive &		
Sleep: Normal & Increased & Less frequent & Restless sleep & Night waking &		
Stool eating: Y/N If yes, own stools & other dogs & cats & other:		
Garbage raiding: Y/N Food stealing: Y/N Eats non-food items (pica) Y/N Licks objects Y/N		
If yes to any of above, describe: _____		
Destructive: Chewing Y/N Digging Y/N Other:		
If yes, describe: _____		
Grooming: Normal grooming Y/N Excessive grooming/licking Y/N Self-injurious Y/N		
If there is abnormal grooming, describe: _____		
Repetitive/compulsive/unusual activity: Tail chasing & Sucking & Star gazing & Fly chasing & Light chasing & Staring & Other:		
If yes to any of above, describe: _____		
Chasing Y/N If yes, describe: _____		
Hunting/predation Y/N If yes, describe: _____		
Sexual habits: Masturbation Y/N Mounting Y/N Roaming/running away Y/N		
Describe any undesirable sexual habits: _____		
Vocalization: Barking Y/N Howling Y/N Whining Y/N		
If yes, describe: _____		

Anxiety/fear:

Noise sensitivity Y/N If yes, describe:

Phobic/excessive fear/panic Y/N If yes, describe:

Shyness/timidity (non-aggressive), e.g., ears back, cowering, tail tucked, shaking, retreating, hiding, etc. Y/N

If yes, describe any situations not discussed previously where your dog is fearful or overly anxious:

How long after exposure to these events is finished does your dog settle down (i.e., back to normal)?

Additional problems or comments: