# Canine behavior consultation questionnaire

# **General Information**

Today's date: Name:	Date	and time of consultatio	on (if schedu	led):				
Address:		City/Town:		Postal	(Zip) Code:			
Phone: Home: (	)	Business: (	)	ext:	Mobile/other (		)	
FAX: (	)	Email:						
Veterinary Clinic:		Ve	terinarian's N	Name:				
Clinic phone: (	)	Who referred you to	o our service	?				
Pet Information								
Pet's Name		Date of birth	OR Est	timate ad	ne if unknown:	Vears	Months	

#### **Early History**

Age obtained: From where did you obtain this pet? Breeder's Name or Shelter: (if applicable): Describe previous home / homes (if known) including litter size, how raised, age weaned, other pets, family, household:

Describe how much interaction your dog had with people before it was obtained:

Describe how much interaction your dog had with other dogs before it was obtained:

Behavior of parents or littermates (if known):

For what reason did you obtain this pet? (check all that apply): Companion for family  $\Box$ ; Companion for other pet  $\Box$ ; Protection;  $\Box$  Work  $\Box$ ; Agility $\Box$ ; Breeding/show  $\Box$ ; Other:

Describe your dog's personality (check all that apply: Friendly 
Calm 
; Confident 
; Demanding attention
; Noisy/ vocal 
; Quiet 
; Excitable/Overactive 
; Bold 
; Unruly 
; Confused: 
; Stubborn 
;Timid 
Fearful 
; Aggressive
; Depressed 
; Other\_\_\_\_\_

#### **The Home Environment**

List each family member living in the home (include age of children):

Name	Ag	e Occupation

Describe how your pet gets along with each family member including any problems:

List each pet in home	Species	Breed	Sex	Age

Describe how your pets get along with each other including any problems:

#### Activities

Describe the usual daily schedule for you and your dog:

Describe the type of exercise / play sessions you offer including how often, how long and with whom?

What is your dog's favorite game: What toys and chews do you give and how often? What is your dog's favorite? Do you give your dog food filled toys? □Yes □No If yes, which ones and how often?

Describe chewing and exploration: 
Little or no interest 
Mostly directed to own toys and chews
Mild household damage 
Moderate damage 
Severe damage - If damage, describe when, how often, targets:

#### **Diet and nutrition**

Type of food and when do you feed: What is your dog's favorite food? Describe your pet's appetite: DVoracious Good Average Picky Poor Variable Type of treats and when do you give? Describe your pet's interest / appetite for treats: Voracious Good Average Picky Poor Variable List any food supplements or additives:

#### Resting, sleep, comfort areas

Where is your dog's preferred sleeping spot / daytime? Where does the dog sleep at night? Have you used a crate or pen to confine? □Yes □No Do you still use a crate or pen? □Yes □No Dog's reaction to being crated or confined: If you no longer use confinement, when and why did you stop? Describe the crate and its location:

#### **Reinforcer** assessment

If you could give any type of treats what would be your dog's favorite reward? List top 5:

Other than food, what other rewards (e.g. toy, affection) would be most enticing to your dog? List top 5:

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# **Principal Complaint**

The following questions are required to assess your pet's problem. It is not necessary to duplicate answers from previous sections or in future sections. Please consider bringing movie clips or pictures of the problem behaviors.

List all Problems that Begin with your p	Age problem began	Very Serious	Fairly Serious	Not Serious

Have you considered removing your pet from the home if the problem cannot be improved?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No Comment:

What are your goals for this consultation?

For the primary problem(s) what age was your dog when the problem started?

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

What do you think caused the problem?

Describe the problem, beginning with the most recent incident?

Describe the first incident and other pertinent incidents:

How often does the problem occur? Has there been a recent change in frequency or severity? □Yes □No If yes, describe:

List each behavioral treatment you have tried, and the dog's response:

Date/when	Treatment	Dog's Response / Outcome

Which approach has been most successful (if any):

List any techniques that have made the problem worse:

Date	Medication (when started, dose, frequency and duration)	Outcome (effects, side effects, is pet still receiving)

List any medications, supplements or remedies tried so far, and the dog's response (effects, side effects):

#### Training

Has this pet had obedience training, professional training or behavioral assistance? YES INO IF YES, PLEASE CONTINUE. IF NO, SKIP TO NEXT SECTION, FAMILY TRAINING

#### Professional training

Has your dog had obedience training, professional training or professional behavioral assistance? Yes No If yes, describe;

In which of the following did you participate? Puppy class: ; Juvenile / Adult Class ; Private instructor; Trained dog myself; None Other I If other, describe:

At what age was your dog first enrolled? If any additional classes, at what age? Describe the classes including the school(s) or instructor(s) and type of training:

How would you describe the training? Reward based (praise) : Reward based (food) : Clicker training : Lure training : Assertive / dominance : Aversive/corrections : Other I to ther describe:

Describe any specialized training (obedience, conformation, agility, flyball, retrieving, coursing, protection etc.):

Have you used a trainer, veterinarian or behavior specialist for the problem for which you are seeking help today? Yes  $\Box$  No  $\Box$  If yes, please advise with whom you consulted, the recommendations and their efficacy:

#### **Family training**

If you trained your dog yourself or in addition to training with professional assistance, please describe:

How would you describe the training? Check all that apply: Reward based (praise)  $\Box$ ; Reward based (food)  $\Box$ ; Clicker  $\Box$ ; Lure training  $\Box$ ; Assertive / dominance  $\Box$ ; Aversive/corrections  $\Box$ ; Other  $\Box$  It other describe:

Are you familiar with clicker training? 
Yes No Have you ever used / tried clicker training? 
Yes No If yes, describe results / success:

What books / DVD / TV shows have you seen and implemented:

What type of training has been most successful?

Did any training technique make problems worse? Describe your dog's learning ability:

List family member(s) with most control: List family member(s) with least control: Describe any tricks your dog knows

Do you continue to train? 
—Yes 
—No If yes who trains, type of training and how often:

What type of collar does your dog wear for walks?

for veterinary visits

Product	Type / Brand	Response / Efficacy / Problems
Head halter 🗆		
Flat collar 🗆	,,, _,, _	
Choke collar 🗌		
Prong or pinch collar 🗆		
Remote trainer shock 🗆 other 🗆		
Harness: front control 🗆 back 🗆 👘		
Manner's Minder 🗆 Clicker 🗆		
Target train 🗆		
Other 🗆		

#### Please indicate how your dog responds to the following commands

Excellent = in all environments Good = except for major distractions Fair = does not listen if distractions n/a =
not applicable

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Never	N/A	Comments
Sit (immediate)							
Sit-focus (watch) 1 minute							
Sit-focus (watch) 5 minute							
Down (immediate)							
Down/settle 1 minute							
Down/settle 5 minute							
Come (indoors) – leave it							
Come (in yard) – leave it							
Come (in park, public)							
Walk on loose leash							
Turn (let's go) / Back up							
Give / drop toy							
Give / drop stolen item							
Go to: bed 🗆, room 🗆 crate/kennel 🗆 mat 🗆							
Watch/ "look at me"							

	Never	Tried	Use often	Improves	Worsens	Comments/describe
Verbal (e.g. no, stop)	۵					
Physical (hit, rub nose)						
Muzzle grasp						~
Lift / pin / roll over						
Shake can / chain						
Noise / ultrasonic alarm						
Water / Air / Citronella						
Booby traps / repellents						
Time-out						
Remote electronic collar						
Remote citronella collar						
Anti-bark collar						
Containment collar						
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#### Punishment / Discipline / Corrections (mark all answers that apply) \*\*\*Please bring all training devices, collars, halters and harnesses to your appointment\*\*\*

Has any punishment made the problem worse or led to threats / aggression? Yes No D If yes, describe:

Has any punishment been effective? Yes No I If yes, describe:

Does your dog respond differently to different family members? Yes No I If yes, describe:

	Not tried	Enjoys	Accepts willingly	Accepts reluctantly	Resists	Threats / aggressive	Comments
Nail trimming							
Ear / eye clean							
Brushing							
Bathing							
Brush Teeth							
Rub belly							
Pat head							
Hug / kiss							
Lifting							
Grab collar							
Give medication							
Removing food, treat or toy							

# Handling - If you have used any of the following handling, how does your dog respond?

# Reactivity – Indicate how your dog reacts to each of the following:

	Calm	Friendly	Excited	Ambivalent	Confused	Fearful	Aggressive
Familiar dogs							
Unfamiliar dogs							
Squirrels, prey							
Cats							
Children							
Familiar people							
Visitors at door							
Strangers off property							
Strangers in home							
Cars / trucks / planes							
Bikes / skateboards							

Describe any of the above problems in more detail:

Fear of noises or storms? Yes  $\Box$  No  $\Box$  If yes, describe noises and dog's reaction:

Car ride anxiety Yes 
No 
If yes, describe:

Fear of locations / situations? Yes  $\Box$  No  $\Box$  If yes, describe:

Other anxiety / timidity / fear (non-aggressive): e.g. ears back, cowers, tail tucked, shakes, retreats, hides, lip lick etc. If yes, describe if not previously discussed:

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

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#### Housetraining Screen

Where is your dog's primary location for elimination? On average, how many times a day does your dog urinate? On average, how many times a day does your dog defecate? Is your dog completely housetrained? □Yes □No

#### Does your dog have a housesoiling problem? YES 🗆 NO 🗆 IF YES PLEASE CONTINUE. IF NO SKIP THE NEXT SECTION, DEPARTURE SCREENING

Does your dog soil in the home with urine  $\Box$ ; stools  $\Box$ ; both  $\Box$ Does your dog eliminate outdoors?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No If Yes, what is *your dog's* favored location? What is *your* preferred location for your dog to eliminate? Do you accompany your dog outside for elimination?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No Does your dog eliminate in desired locations while you are watching?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No If yes, what do you do when you see your dog eliminate in the correct location?

Does your dog signal when it needs to eliminate? 

Yes 
No If yes, describe:

About how often does your dog housesoil? When is the dog most likely to housesoil?

Does your dog soil in: 
specific locations 
varied locations 
Describe locations?

Does your dog housesoil when family members are at home? The second seco

Does your dog housesoil while you are watching? 

Yes 

No If yes, what do you do?

What is your dog's response?

What do you do when you find urine or stool that has been passed in the incorrect location?

What is your dog's response?

Does your dog urine mark (lift leg / small amounts) outdoors? 

Yes 
No If yes, describe:

Does your dog urine mark indoors? 

Yes 
No If yes, describe:

Do you confine your dog to a crate, room or pen? □Yes □No If yes, does your dog eliminate in the crate, room or pen? □Yes □No If yes, describe:

Does your dog leak urine or lose control? 
Yes No If yes, describe when and where:

Has there been a change in drinking when or since the problem began? 
Yes No If yes, check all that apply:
Government / more interest Covernment Larger amount Covernment / less interest Covernment / Smaller amount

When the housesoiling began, was there a change in urination? 
Yes No If yes, check all that apply:
Less often Lesser amount More often Greater amount Straining / discomfort

Have you noticed any change in the urine e.g. odor, color, blood, etc. DYes DNo If yes, describe:

When the housesoiling began was there a change in defecation (stools)? □Yes □No If yes, check all that apply: □Less often □ More often □ Larger volume (amount) □ Less volume (amount) □ Straining

Have you noticed any change in the stools e.g. odor, color, blood, mucous, consistency  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No If yes, describe:

#### **Departure Behavior Screening**

When you go out is your dog confined or crated?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No If yes, indicate if crated or what areas are restricted: At what times of day and for how long is your dog typically left alone on the average day?

During the average week, what is the longest time you would need to leave your dog alone?

Are there any problems that arise during longer departures compared to shorter departures? 

Yes No If yes, describe:

How does your dog react when you prepare to leave?

Has your dog ever been left at a kennel?  $\Box$ ; veterinary office?  $\Box$ ; with a friend/relative?  $\Box$ ; Other  $\Box$  If yes, describe your dog's reaction:

Is the dog ever alone outdoors?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No 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 your dog alone? YES  $\Box$  NO $\Box$  IF YES PLEASE CONTINUE. IF NO PLEASE PROCEED TO AGGRESSION SCREEN BELOW Please make every effort to collect movie clips of dogs behavior when alone and bring to visit.

Describe what your dog does when left alone at home:

How soon after you depart does the problem begin?

How long does the problem last?

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

Does the dog act differently depending on who departs? □Yes □No If yes, describe how the dog reacts differently with each family member:

What is the dog's reaction at homecomings?

Does your dog react differently at homecoming to different family members? 

Yes 
No If yes, describe:

How does your dog react when left alone in the car?

What is the longest that you have left your dog in the car without problems arising?

Are there any places, times or situations in which you leave your dog alone and the problems do not arise or are less intense?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No If yes, describe when and where?

What techniques have you used so far to try and improve the problem?

Technique	Dog's response

#### Aggression Screen - Has your pet ever displayed any of the following? Threat displays □Yes □No; Growling □Yes □No; Bite attempts □Yes □No; Bites □Yes □No

#### IF YOUR PET DOES NOT DISPLAY AGGRESSION PLEASE PROCEED TO MISCELLANEOUS BELOW

What is the potential for injury? Inone Iminimal Imoderate Isevere

Is aggression the primary reason for today's visit? 

Yes 
No

Describe aggression: Threat / no bite 🗆 Snap / no contact 🗔 Bite – release 🗆 Bite / no release or multiple bites 🗔

If necessary, could you predict and avoid or prevent all situations in which aggression might arise? Is the problem serious enough that you will be unable to keep your pet if it is not improved? Yes No

What is your pet's response to each of the following – check all that apply:

Circumstance	None	Growl / Threat	Snap / no contact	Bite	Multiple Bites	Who is the target?
FAMILIAR PERSON						
Stares at dog						
Reaches for / bends over dog						
Petting dog						
Hugging / kissing						
Lifting dog						
Pins / rolls over						
Putting on / taking off leash / collar						
Gives verbal cue e.g. sit in normal tone						
Using verbal discipline e.g. stop, no						
Grabs collar						
Physical e.g. hit, leash correction						
In response to movement / noise / yells						
Interrupts threat or bite to person / dog						
Approach / hug / touch family member						
UNFAMILIAR PERSON (STRANG	ER)					
Stranger approaches						
Stranger stares at dog						
Stranger reaches / bends over dog						
Stranger pets dog						
Coming into home / onto property						
Stranger puts on or takes off leash/ collar						
Stranger speaks in normal tone						
Stranger verbal discipline - says no						
Physical - pin, roll, hit, leash correction						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Stranger movement, activity, noise						
Leaving room / yard						
Approach / hug / touch family member						

Circumstance	None	Growi / Threat	Snap / no contact	Bite	Multiple Bites	Who is the target?
HANDLING AND GROOMING				•	<b>_</b>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Familiar person bathes, grooms or towels						
Familiar person treats ears / eyes						
Familiar person trims nails						
Unfamiliar person bathes, or grooms						
Unfamiliar person treats ears / eyes						
Unfamiliar person trims nails						
Behavior during veterinary exam						
Approach dog when with family member						
Approach dog on its mat, bed, rest spot						
Approach when resting on furniture						
OTHER ANIMALS						
Familiar dogs						
Other pets in home						
Familiar dogs / off property						
Unfamiliar dogs						
Animals						
TREATS / TOYS						
Approach eating food, treats, chew toys						
Aproaches when playing with toys						·

Date	Situation (what happened) Start with most recent	Who is bitten - name, person, animal	Relationship (familiar, stranger)	Did bite break skin?
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How many times has your dog bitten? List your dog's primary targets (people / animals) for aggression:

Has any bite caused sufficient injury to require medical attention? 

Yes 
No If yes, describe:

How would you describe the problem? Getting worse : Staying about the same : Getting Better ; When your dog threatens or attempts to bite, how do you handle the situation and what is your dog's reaction?

After your dog has bitten how do you handle the situation and what is your dog's reaction?

Describe any technique that seems to improve the problem:

Describe any technique that seems to aggravate the problem:

How would you describe your dog's attitude when aggressive? bold  $\Box$ ; protective  $\Box$ ; possessive  $\Box$ ; outgoing  $\Box$ ; fearful  $\Box$ ; confused  $\Box$ ; chase  $\Box$  other  $\Box$  If other, describe:

Describe your dog's expressions and postures when aggressive:

Does your dog seem 'guilty' or 'sorry' after aggression 
Yes 
No If yes, describe:

Are there children or people with mental or physical challenges at risk for aggression? 
IYes INo If yes, describe:

# Miscellaneous:

Please check if your pet exhibits any of the following behavior. If undesirable, please comment

	None	Occurs but no concern	Occurs, would like to improve	Reason for visit today	Comments/describe
Vocalize bark / whine / howl					
Jumps up – owner / stranger					
Pulls on leash					
Won't come when called					<u></u>
Nips / grabs with mouth					
Only listens when feels like it					
Pushy / demanding					·····
In rooms / on furniture not allowed					
Follows / clingy					
Stool Eating					
Chases					
Hunting / predation					
Garbage Raiding					

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	None	Occurs but no concern	Occurs, would like to improve	Reason for visit today	Comments/describe		
Food stealing							
Destructive chewing							
Night waking							
Digging							
Eats non-food items							
Tail chasing / spinning							
Licks Objects							
Excessive grooming							
Staring							
Star gazing					······		
Fly chasing							
Light chasing							
Masturbation							
Mounting							
Roaming / running away							

Please provide further details if your pet is exhibiting any of the above (if not fully discussed)

#### **Medical Screen**

When was your dog's last veterinary visit? Reason for visit:

Are vaccines up to date? 
Yes No If no, describe:
Does your pet have any ongoing medical problems? 
Yes No If yes, describe:

Is your pet presently on any medication? TYes No If yes, describe (include name, dosage, duration):

Has your dog had any laboratory tests (e.g. blood, urine, X-rays)? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No Date: Tests:

If yes, indicate any abnormal findings:

Please have your veterinarian complete the medical section and submit any recent laboratory tests Any change in appetite: 
Yes No Comments:

Any change in weight: 
Yes 
No Comments:

Does your pet drink excessively? 
Yes No If Yes, describe (how often, how much):

Does your pet have arthritis or any other painful condition? Yes No If yes, describe condition and treatment:

Have you noticed any deficits in your pet's senses? 
Yes No If yes, describe:

Have you noticed any change in stool frequency (how often) or in the way it looks 
Yes 
No If yes, describe:

Have you noticed any change in the frequency of urination or any discomfort? 
Yes 
No If yes, describe:

Have you noticed any other health issues: 
Yes 
No If yes, describe: