

# Canine Behavioral History

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Please answer the following questions and return this form by e-mail. I shall then call to arrange an appointment. Specific questions about the problem behavior(s) will be asked during your consultation.

## General Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered/Spayed: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Day phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your regular veterinarian:

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## What is the main behavior problem or complaint?

Additional problems (please list):

How frequently does the problem (or problems) occur (how many times daily, weekly or monthly):

a. Main Problem: Frequency:

b. Other Problem: Frequency:



2. Second to last incident: (*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_)

3. Third to last incident: (*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_)

Describe any other significant incidents:

What have you done so far to try to correct the problem?

How do you discipline your dog for this and for other misbehavior?

### **Home Environment**

Please list the people, including yourself, living in your household. Please include ages of children:

| Name | Hours Away From Home |
|------|----------------------|
|      |                      |
|      |                      |
|      |                      |
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Please list all animals in the household including patient:

| Name | Species | Breed | Sex | Age Obtained | Age Now |
|------|---------|-------|-----|--------------|---------|
|      |         |       |     |              |         |
|      |         |       |     |              |         |
|      |         |       |     |              |         |
|      |         |       |     |              |         |

In what sequence were the above animals obtained? *(Please number animals in the table above.)*

What is your dog's relationship to the other animals (e.g. friendly, hostile, fearful)?  
Please describe:

What type of area do you live in? (Circle one) City/Town Suburbs Rural

What type of house do you live in? Please describe.

Have you moved since acquiring your dog? \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes  
How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your household (people or animals) changed since acquiring your dog?  
\_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes, please describe:

### **Dog's Background**

Why did you decide to get a dog?

Why did you choose this breed?

Where did you get this dog (circle one): SPCA Breeder – newspaper ad/flyer Breeder – referral Pet store Friend Stray Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you owned dogs before? \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes

If known: how many littermates? \_\_\_\_\_ Males \_\_\_\_\_ Females

How many animals were there to choose from? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this dog over the others (please be specific):

Was a temperament test performed? \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_Unsure

Result:

Describe your dog's behavior as a puppy:

Do you have any news about littermate behavior? Please describe.

Did you meet the parents? \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes, please describe their behavior:

Has this dog had other owners? \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was the dog given up? \_\_\_\_\_

At what age was your pet neutered/spayed? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was this done?

Were there any behavior changes after neutering?

If your pet is "intact" has he/she ever been bred? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

Are you planning to breed? \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_Unsure

If you have an intact female, when was her last heat? Was it normal?

## **Diet and Feeding**

What do you feed your dog? (Please be specific, e.g. brand name)

Has your dog's appetite (increased, decreased, no change)? \_\_\_\_\_

How much do you feed? (please be specific) Meal Times \_\_\_\_\_

Who feeds the dog?

Location \_\_\_\_\_

What is your dog's favorite treat?

## Daily Schedule - Typical 24 hr day

Please describe a typical 24-hour day in your dog's life:

How does the dog behave with familiar visitors?

How does the dog behave with unfamiliar visitors (children or adults)?

How do you exercise your dog?

Is the dog free in a fenced yard?

Is the dog tied outside?

Does the dog run free?

How do you play with your dog?

What toys does the dog have?

Is your dog housetrained? \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes

How was the dog housetrained?

Does your dog ever eliminate in the house? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
Urinate \_\_\_\_\_ Defecate \_\_\_\_\_

Where does your dog sleep at night (please be specific):

Does your dog sleep (more, less, same)? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is your dog when alone in the house?

Where is your dog when you have guests?

How does your dog behave while you are leaving the house?

How does your dog behave when you return?

## **Obedience Training**

What basic obedience training has your dog had? (Circle one)

- a. None
- b. Trained at home
- c. Started obedience classes but didn't finish
- d. Graduated obedience class once
- e. Graduated obedience class 2 or more levels
- f. Private trainer
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

How old was the dog when obedience training started?

Who in the family is the primary trainer?

Does your dog have any awards or titles? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please describe:

Has your dog had any hunting, herding, protection, attack or Schutzhund training?

What *per cent* of the time does your dog obey the following commands, for *each* member of the family:

| Family Member: | Sit | Down | Stay | Come | Heel |
|----------------|-----|------|------|------|------|
|                |     |      |      |      |      |
|                |     |      |      |      |      |
|                |     |      |      |      |      |
|                |     |      |      |      |      |

Does your dog know any tricks?  No  Yes, please describe:

Have you exhibited your dog in breed shows?  No  Yes  Plan to

Does your dog jump up on you or others without permission?  No  Yes

Does your dog paw at you or at others?  No  Yes

Does your dog lick you?  No  Yes

Does your dog mount people?  No  Yes

If yes, whom does he or she mount?

Does your dog mount other animals or objects?  No  Yes, please describe:

Does your dog ever bark at you?  No  Yes, when? Please describe:

Does your dog bark at other times?  No  Yes, please describe:

What is your dog's activity level in general (Circle one):

Low                      Average                      High                      Excessive

**Medical History**

Is your dog on any medication now, for this or other problems?

Has your dog been on medication in the past?

Date of most recent rabies vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_(1 year, 3 year)

**Aggression Screen** (Please fill out dog's reaction to listed items)

GR - growl                      Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SL - snarl/bare teeth        Pet: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SB - snap/bite                Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR - no reaction  
 NA - not applicable

|                                   | GR | SL | SB | NR | NA |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1. Pet dog                        |    |    |    |    |    |
| 2. Hug dog                        |    |    |    |    |    |
| 3. Kiss dog                       |    |    |    |    |    |
| 4. Lift dog                       |    |    |    |    |    |
| 5. Call off furniture             |    |    |    |    |    |
| 6. Push/pull off furniture        |    |    |    |    |    |
| 7. Approach on furniture          |    |    |    |    |    |
| 8. Disturb while resting/sleeping |    |    |    |    |    |
| 9. Approach while eating          |    |    |    |    |    |
| 10. Touch while eating            |    |    |    |    |    |
| 11. Take dog food away            |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12. Take human food away          |    |    |    |    |    |
| 13. Take water dish away          |    |    |    |    |    |

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|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| 14. Take rawhide                                    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 15. Take biscuit/cookie                             |    |    |    |    |    |
| 16. Take real bone                                  |    |    |    |    |    |
| 17. Take toy/object                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 18. Approach when dog has any object/toy/bone       |    |    |    |    |    |
| 19. Verbally punish                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 20. Physically punish                               |    |    |    |    |    |
| 21. Visual threat                                   |    |    |    |    |    |
| 22. Speak to dog (normal tone)                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| 23. Stare at dog                                    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 24. Bend over dog                                   |    |    |    |    |    |
| 25. Push on shoulders or back                       |    |    |    |    |    |
| 26. Approach dog near spouse                        |    |    |    |    |    |
| 27. Enter room                                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| 28. Leave room                                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| 29. Reach toward dog                                |    |    |    |    |    |
| 30. Leash restraint                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 31. Collar restraint                                |    |    |    |    |    |
| 32. Scruff restraint                                |    |    |    |    |    |
|   |    |    |    |    |    |
|   | GR | SL | SB | NR | NA |
| 33. Put leash on/take off                           |    |    |    |    |    |
| 34. Put collar on/take off                          |    |    |    |    |    |
| 35. Bathe dog                                       |    |    |    |    |    |
| 36. Towel dog                                       |    |    |    |    |    |
| 37. Groom/brush dog                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 38. Dog at roomer's                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 39. Trim nails                                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| 40. Leash/collar correction                         |    |    |    |    |    |
| 41. Response to "sit"                               |    |    |    |    |    |
| 42. Response to "down"                              |    |    |    |    |    |
| 43. Dog at veterinary clinic                        |    |    |    |    |    |
| 44. Unfamiliar adult enters house or yard           |    |    |    |    |    |
| 45. Unfamiliar child enters house or yard           |    |    |    |    |    |
| 46. Familiar adult enters house or yard             |    |    |    |    |    |
| 47. Familiar child enters house or yard             |    |    |    |    |    |
| 48. Response to toddlers/babies                     |    |    |    |    |    |
| 49. Dog in car at tollbooths, gas stations          |    |    |    |    |    |
| 50. Unfamiliar adult approaches owner, dog on leash |    |    |    |    |    |
| 51. Unfamiliar child approaches owner, dog on leash |    |    |    |    |    |
| 52. Dog in house, sees people outside               |    |    |    |    |    |
| 53. Response to other dogs, while on leash          |    |    |    |    |    |
| 54. Response to other dogs, while not on leash      |    |    |    |    |    |

Where are you on a scale of 1 to 5 as follows:

1. I am here only out of curiosity - problem is not serious.
2. I would like to change the problem, but it is not serious.
3. The problem is serious and I would like to change it, but if it remains unchanged that's all right.
4. The problem is very serious and I would like to change it, but if it remains unchanged I will keep my dog.
5. The problem is very serious and I would like to change it; if it remains unchanged I will have my dog euthanized or give him/her up.

**For Aggression Towards People:**

(Skip this section if aggression is not the problem):

Please answer yes or no to these characteristics of your dog's aggressive behavior:

- \_\_\_\_\_ attacks are sudden and surprising
- \_\_\_\_\_ episodes appear unprovoked
- \_\_\_\_\_ the dog is abruptly docile after an episode
- \_\_\_\_\_ the dog appears "sorry" afterwards
- \_\_\_\_\_ the dog appears disoriented afterwards
- \_\_\_\_\_ episodes are associated with a "glazed" or "absent" expression
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can usually tell what will set off my dog
- \_\_\_\_\_ the aggressive behavior is new and uncharacteristic

Has your dog bitten and broken skin? \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes

Number of bites that broke skin: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of bites (that did or did not break skin): \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of episodes of aggression (growling, snapping, biting): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe typical episode (eg. does dog growl, lunge or bite, and in what circumstance?):

If the dog is in the above situation 10 times, in how many of those times is aggression seen (e.g., all = 100%, just one = 10%, etc.)?

What parts of the body has the dog bitten? How severe were the injuries?

Who is/are the target(s) of aggression?

Did your dog bite as a puppy? \_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_Yes  
If yes, please describe, including puppy's age:

How old was your dog the first time he/she growled at a person?

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog the first time he/she snapped or bit at a person?

What was the circumstance?

Please add any other comments in the space below:

End of questionnaire - thank you!

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