

Our aim is to help you understand why your pet is exhibiting a certain behaviour and to address the problem using humane and scientifically proven treatment methods.

There is *always* a 'reason' for behaviour even if it is not necessarily obvious to us or appears maladaptive for the animal.

Therefore, the best treatment for unwanted behaviour requires working out the 'reason' and the underlying emotion involved; by working on these we can ultimately affect how an animal responds in a given situation.

How an animal behaves is influenced by its genetics, early life experiences and current living environment. These components interact in a way that is unique to that particular animal. Because of this complexity, understanding the *cause* of a problem can require some 'detective work' which this questionnaire helps as a starting place.

This questionnaire provides us with background information that helps us understand your pet and family household. It allows us to concentrate on the behavioural problem during our consultation. To assist us with this we require that you **complete and return this questionnaire at least ONE week prior to your consultation.**

We also ask that you send, or get your regular veterinarian to directly send, a **copy of your pets' medical history**. Ideally this will include a recent (within 3 months) physical examination and blood/urine test results.

***If blood/urinalysis results are not available prior to the consultation and medications are prescribed, we may advise you to perform these tests which can be done at our clinic or your regular vet**.*

Please answer as comprehensively as possible. Completing this questionnaire should ideally involve all of the pets' caregivers (interestingly we often see that family members can have a very different perception of what is happening!).

If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire please do not hesitate to contact us either by email or phone.

We look forward to working with you.

Dog Questionnaire

Dogs name:

Owner name:

DOG'S BACKGROUND:

Where did you get this dog?

Why did you decide to acquire a dog?

Why did you choose this particular breed?

Why did you choose this particular dog?

How old was this dog when you acquired her/ him?

Do you have any information about littermate behaviour? (If yes please describe)

Did you meet your dog's parents? Mother: ☐ Father: ☐

If Y please describe their personality:

Please describe your dog's personality as a puppy (e.g. happy; confident; timid):

Did this change over time and if so how?

Has this dog had previous owners? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Y how many?

Why was the dog given up?

Have you owned dogs/other pets before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, what happened to them?

HOME ENVIRONMENT:

Please list ALL the people, including yourself, living in your household:

Name	Relationship to owner	Occupation	Hours away from home/day	Age
	SELF			

Who else has regular contact with the dog? E.g. Dog-walker, extended family, neighbours.

Please list ALL of the animals (including this dog) in your household and in the order they were obtained

	Name	Species E.g. dog, cat, bird.	Breed	Sex (M/F)	Desexed Y or N	Age
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

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

How would you describe **your** relationship with your dog?

How would you describe your dog's relationship with the other family members?
Please describe:

Have you moved since acquiring your dog? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes describe (how long ago, how many times etc.)

Has your household (people or animals) changed since acquiring your dog? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Y please describe:

MEDICAL HISTORY:

Does your dog have any medical conditions? If yes, please explain.

Is your dog on any medication **currently** for any medical problems? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Y please list all medications including dose and frequency, what they are for, and expected completion date:

Is your dog on parasite control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your dog up to date with their vaccinations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your dog on any medications **currently** for behavioural problems? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Y please list all medications including dose and frequency, what they are for and if there has been any benefit:

Are you giving your dog any herbal treatments/supplements (Zylkene, Adaptil, Rescue Remedy, St John's Wort etc.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Y please list all medications including dose and frequency, what they are for and if there has been any benefit

DIET AND FEEDING:

Who feeds the dog?

Where do you feed the dog?

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

How do you feed your dog? (Bowl, interactive toy, scatter feed)

Does your dog eat all her/his food at once? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If N, how long do you leave it down?

What is your dog's favourite treat?

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Total active time each day (average)? (play, walks, training)

0 mins ☐ 15 mins ☐ 30 mins ☐ 45 mins ☐ 60 mins + ☐

What percentage of time does your dog spend on its own (on a typical day/week)?

What percentage of time does your dog spend indoors and outdoors?

% indoors

% outdoors

Does your dog have access to the outside at any stage? (dog-flap, open door or other)

Where does your dog sleep at night?

On a typical day, how many hours is your dog sleeping or resting?

TRAINING

What kind of formal training has your dog had? (eg. Puppy school, obedience training school)

Organisation(s)?

Methods used (please mark all that apply):

☐ Treats ☐ head collars ☐ correction collars ☐ pats
☐ leadership/dominance ☐ positive training/positive reinforcement ☐ Other, describe

Who trains your dog?

How does your dog respond to each person for the following requests?

(1) Poor/(2) Good/(3) Excellent

Person	Sit	Down	Recall	Heel	Give/Drop it	Stay

Does your dog know any tricks? ☐ Yes ☐ No Describe

REACTIVITY AND NOISES

How does your dog behave during thunderstorms?

Does your dog react to other noises? Eg Fireworks, Car, TV, Radio, other

How does your dog behave with **familiar** people?

How does your dog behave with **unfamiliar** people?

Does your dog like children? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please describe

Describe your dog's behaviour around **familiar** dogs (dogs you meet regularly at the park, on walks, at training)

Unfamiliar dogs (dogs you do not know or see rarely)

DEPARTURES

Where is your dog when he / she is alone in the house?

How long is the dog left alone on average (hours per day and per week)?

Do you have a video camera installed to monitor them when you are not home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How does your dog react before it is left alone?

Does your dog display any behaviour problems when you leave it alone? ☐ Yes ☐ No Describe:

Does the behaviour differ depending on the length of time or time of day left alone? ☐ Yes ☐ No Describe:

Does the behaviour differ depending upon who is the last to leave? ☐ Yes ☐ No Describe

What is your dog's reaction to homecomings?

AGGRESSION (Answer N/A to the following if no aggression has been shown)

Has your pet ever displayed any aggression (threat, growling, barking, nipping, biting) towards:

Familiar People ☐ Yes ☐ No

Unfamiliar People ☐ Yes ☐ No

Familiar dogs ☐ Yes ☐ No

Unfamiliar dogs ☐ Yes ☐ No

Situations causing conflict:

Patting/Handling/Restraint

☐ runs away ☐ barked/growled ☐ attempted to bite ☐ bitten ☐ no aggression

Eating food or treats

☐ runs away ☐ barked/growled ☐ attempted to bite ☐ bitten ☐ no aggression

Chewing toys/stolen object

☐ runs away ☐ barked/growled ☐ attempted to bite ☐ bitten ☐ no aggression

Waking up to them

☐ runs away ☐ barked/growled ☐ attempted to bite ☐ bitten ☐ no aggression

Is aggression the primary reason for today's visit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your dog bitten? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, how many times and did they break skin?

When was the most recent threat or bite attempt?
What happened?

Is the problem serious enough that you will be unable to keep your pet if it is not improved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your dog aggressive to visitors to your home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, were they known or strangers or both? Describe:

Is your dog aggressive to people when off your property? ☐ Yes ☐ No Describe:

Is your dog aggressive to other animals? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please Describe

If your dog displays aggression, in the moment how do you handle the situation and what is the dog's reaction?

After an incident, 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?

Describe your dog's expression and postures at immediately prior to and during the aggressive incident

PRESENTING PROBLEM(S):

What is the main behaviour problem or complaint?

Why is the behaviour a problem?

What do you think caused the problem?

When did you first notice it?

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

Has this problem changed in frequency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Y please describe?

Has this problem changed in intensity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Y please describe?

Does your dog have any other problem behaviours?

Please describe in detail the (main) problem.

Try to include as much detail as possible i.e. where it took place, time of day, who was present, what happened etc.

1. First incident: Date:

2. Latest incident: Date:

3. Second to last incident: Date:

Any other significant incidents:

What have you tried to stop the problem and what was the reaction of your dog?

Was it successful?

Anything make it worse?

What are your goals for treatment?

WHICH OF THESE STATEMENTS APPLY TO YOU:

- ☐ I am here only out of curiosity; the problem is not serious;
- ☐ I would like to change the problem, but it is not serious;
- ☐ The problem is serious. I would like to change it, but if it remains unchanged that is alright;
- ☐ The problem is very serious and I would like to change it, but if it remains unchanged I will keep my dog;
- ☐ The problem is very serious and I would like to change it. If it remains unchanged I will have my dog euthanised or have to give him/her up.

Owner signature:

Date:

First name:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME IN FILLING OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE