

# ANIMAL BEHAVIORAL STUDIES

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## Canine Behavior History

### General Information

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

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Work/Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder (Owner or Other): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered/Spayed? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your regular Veterinarian:

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

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

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

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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Other Problem: \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chronology Of The Behavior Problem**

When did you first notice the main problem (age of dog)?

When did it first become a serious concern?

In what general circumstances does the dog misbehave?

Has this problem changed in frequency? (please describe)

Has this problem changed in intensity? (please describe)

Has this problem otherwise changed?

### **Describe several examples in detail:**

1. Most recent incident: (Date:            )

2. Second to last incident: (Date:            )

3. Third to last incident: (Date:            )

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
Name	Hours away from home
Name	Hours away from home
Name	Hours away from home
Name	Hours away from home

**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 in 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?  yes     no

If known: how many littermates?  males     females

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

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

Was a temperament test performed?  yes     no     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? Yes No

Are you planning to breed? yes no 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)

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):

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)

None	Trained at home	Started obedience classes but didn't finish
Graduated obedience class once	Graduated obedience class two or more levels	
Private trainer	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? (Please describe)

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

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

Family Member	SIT	DOWN	STAY	COME	HEEL (Don't Pull)

Does your dog know any tricks? Please describe:

Have you exhibited your dog in breed shows? \_\_\_\_\_no \_\_\_\_\_yes no, but plan to

Does your dog jump up on you or others without permission? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Does your dog paw at you or at others? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Does your dog lick you? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Does your dog mount people? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

If yes, whom does he or she mount?

Does your dog mount other animals or objects? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no Please describe:

Does your dog ever bark at you? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no When? Please describe:

Does your dog bark at other times? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no 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)

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? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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 and how severe were the injuries?

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

Did your dog bite as a puppy? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

If yes, please describe, including 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?

Do you have any final notes or comments to add? (If so, write them here):