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## Sydney Animal Behaviour Service



# DOG QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible and bring the completed form with you at the time of your appointment. If you have a Telephone Consultation scheduled, please either mail or fax the completed form to us, prior to that time along with a video of your pet. This video should be a "day in the life" of your pet- where it eats, sleeps and plays. It should NOT contain any episodes of aggression if that is the problem.

The completed behaviour record helps us to assess the environment, social interactions, and behaviour of your dog, and hence determine the possible cause(s), prognosis and specific treatment protocol for their problem(s). Specific questions about the problem behaviour(s) will be asked during your visit/telephone call.

Please fill in a separate form for each pet that has a behavioural problem.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female

Desexed?:  Yes  No

How did you hear about us?

Who referred you? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your regular Veterinarian?

Dr: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DOG'S BACKGROUND**

Where did you get this dog?

- Friend  Stray  RSPCA/Shelter  
 Pet Store  Breeder – Newspaper Ad  Breeder –Referral  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this particular breed?

Why did you decide to acquire a dog?

How old was this dog when you acquired him? \_\_\_\_\_

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

How many animals did you have to choose from?

Why did you choose this dog over the others? (please be specific and tell us who chose the pet and why):

Was a temperament test performed?  Yes  No  Unsure  
Result:

Describe your dog's behaviour as a puppy:

Do you have any news about littermate behaviour? (Please describe)

Did you meet your dog's parents?

Mother:       Yes       No      Father:       Yes       No

If Yes, please describe their behaviour:

Has this dog had other owners?       Yes       No  
If yes, how many?      \_\_\_\_\_

Why was the dog given up?

Have you owned dogs before?       Yes       No

Have you owned other pets before?       Yes       No

What happened to your last dog?

## **MEDICAL HISTORY**

At what age was your pet neutered/spayed?

Why was this done?

Were there any behaviour changes after neutering? (please describe)

Has your dog ever been bred?       Yes       No

Are you planning to breed?       Yes       No       Unsure

If you have an entire female, when was her last heat?

Is your dog on any medication such as heartworm preventatives, flea preventatives?  
(i.e. Heartgard, Revolution, Frontline, Advantage, Proheart Injection)

Yes       No

If Yes, please list all medications including dose and frequency

Is your dog on any medication **now** for any medical problems? (ie cortisone, anti-biotics.)

Yes       No

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

Has your dog been on any medication **in the past** for any medical problem?

Yes       No

If Yes, please list all medications, what they were for, and when your dog was last dosed:

Is your dog on any medication now for its behavioural problem? (including herbal treatments such as Rescue Remedy, St John's Wort etc)

Yes       No

If Yes, please list all medications including dose and frequency:

What response has there been to each medication?

## **DIET AND FEEDING**

Who feeds the dog?

Where do you feed the dog?

What do you feed your dog? (Please be specific, eg Brand name)

How much do you feed? (Please be specific)

Meal times \_\_\_\_\_am \_\_\_\_\_pm

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

If not, how long do you leave it down? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the dog when *you* eat?

What is your dog's favorite food treat?

Do you feed your dog table scraps?  Yes  No

If yes, do you feed scraps from the table?  Yes  No

## HOME ENVIRONMENT

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

*Please mark with an asterisk (\*) all who will be attending the consultation including yourself, and note any other people that may be coming with you (eg friend, trainer, etc.)*

NAME	OCCUPATION	HRS AWAY FROM HOME	AGE

Please list all of the animals, **including the one you are bringing in to see us**, in your household.

Name	Species	Breed	Sex/Desexed	Age Obtained	Age Now

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

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

How would you describe your relationship with your dog?

Do you have any physical ailment(s) that influences your ability to interact with your dog?

What type of area do you live in?

City/Town

Suburbs

Rural

What type of house do you live in?

Apartment – studio or 1 bedroom

Apartment – 2+ bedrooms

Townhouse/Duplex/Attached house

House – Single Family

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you moved since acquiring your dog?

Yes

No

If Yes, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

How long since the last move?

Has your household (people or animals) changed since acquiring your dog?

Yes

No

If Yes, please describe:

## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

Please describe your dog's daily exercise, including the amount of time of each:

- |    |                            |       |
|----|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. | Leash Walks                | _____ |
| 2. | Supervised unleashed walks | _____ |
| 3. | unsupervised free roaming  | _____ |
| 4. | Loose in the Yard          | _____ |
| 5. | Playing outdoors           | _____ |
| 6. | Playing indoors            | _____ |
| 7. | Other: (describe)          | _____ |

Total Active time each day (on average):

0 min

15 min

30 min

1 hour

More than 1 hr

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

% indoors \_\_\_\_\_ % outdoors \_\_\_\_\_

Where does your dog sleep at night?

(please be specific, ie outside, inside, in your bedroom etc)

Is your dog housetrained?

Yes

No

How did you housetrain your dog?

Does your dog ever eliminate in the house?  Yes  No

If yes, does he:

Urinate  Defaecate  Both

Where?

How often does your dog eliminate in the house?

Do you leave your dog alone in the house when you go out?  Yes  No

If Yes, where is your dog when he is alone in the house?

Where is your dog when you have guests?

Why?

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

How does your dog behave when you return?

Does the dog's level of excitement reflect your length of absence? (i.e. is he more excited the longer you are gone?)

How does your dog behave during thunderstorms?

How does your dog behave during fireworks?

Does your dog react to other noises?

How does your dog behave with familiar visitors?

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

Please describe a typical 24 hour day in your dog's life: i.e. time he gets up, time fed etc.

Midnight

1am

2am

3am

4am

5am

6am

7am

8am

9am

10am

11am

12noon

1pm

2pm

3pm

4pm

5pm

6pm

7pm

8pm

9pm

10pm

11pm

## TRAINING

What basic training has your dog had?

- No Training
- Puppy Class                    where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Trained at Home
- Started Obedience classes but did not finish
- Graduated one class at Obedience
- Graduated 2 or more levels at obedience
- Private trainer                    name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Boarded for Training            where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How old was the dog when obedience training started?

Why did you take your dog to obedience training?

Did you find it helpful? Why or Why not?

Who in the family is the primary trainer?

How did your dog behave at training?

What sort of collar do you use?

- Flat                     Choker Chain                     Head Collar (eg Halti, Gentle Leader)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog have any awards or titles? (please describe)

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

How would you rate your dog's responses to each of the following?

Good (G), Fair (F) or Poor (P)

Family Member	SIT	DOWN	STAY	COME	HEEL (don't pull)

Does your dog know any tricks? (please describe)

Do you play with your dog?  Yes  No

How?

What sort of toys does your dog have?

What is his favorite toy?

Can your dog 'Fetch'?

Have you exhibited your dog in breed shows?  Yes  No  No, but I plan to.

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

Does your dog jump on other people without permission?  Yes  No

Does your dog paw at you?  Yes  No

Does your dog paw at other people?  Yes  No

Does your dog lick you?  Yes  No

Does your dog groom, lick or bite himself excessively?  Yes  No

Does your dog mount people?  Yes  No  
If yes, whom does he/she mount?

Does your dog mount other dogs?  Yes  No

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

Does your dog ever bark at you?  Yes  No

When does he bark at you?

Does your dog bark at other times? (please describe)

What is your dog's activity level in general?

Low  Average  High  Excessive

## **PRESENTING PROBLEM(S)**

Why are you seeking help/advice? What has prompted your visit?

What is the main behaviour problem or complaint?

1.

Why is the behaviour a problem?

Does your dog have any other problem behaviours (please list)

2.

3.

4.

Why are these behaviours a problem?

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

Problem 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

Problem 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

Problem 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

Problem 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe how the problem developed over time (chronology):

When did you first notice the main problem?

When did it become a serious concern?

Why?

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?

How?

Did the secondary problems develop at the same time?

To help us better understand your dog's problem, please describe what occurs when the episodes happen. Try to include as much detail as possible i.e. where it took place, time of day, who was present, what happened etc.

1. Most recent incident:                      Date:

2. Second to last incident:                      Date:

3. Third to last incident:                      Date:

4. What was the first incident:                      Date:

Any other significant incidents:

What have you done to try to correct the problem so far? How successful have these measures been?

How do you discipline your dog for this or any other problem?

What are your goals for treatment?

**WHICH OF THESE STATEMENTS APPLY TO YOU:**

1. I am here only out of curiosity – the 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 is alright
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 euthanased or have to give him/her up

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS?**

Please note any other information that you feel may be relevant to this problem.

# PERSONALITY SCREEN

Please rate your dog's personality using the Monash Canine Personality Questionnaire.

Please rate how well each word describes your dog's personality by marking the appropriate box.

**1 = really does not describe my dog, 6 = really describes my dog**

	Really does not describe my dog					Really describes my dog
friendly	1	2	3	4	5	6
persevering	1	2	3	4	5	6
nervous	1	2	3	4	5	6
energetic	1	2	3	4	5	6
attentive	1	2	3	4	5	6
easy going	1	2	3	4	5	6
independent	1	2	3	4	5	6
trainable	1	2	3	4	5	6
non-aggressive	1	2	3	4	5	6
hyperactive	1	2	3	4	5	6
submissive	1	2	3	4	5	6
determined	1	2	3	4	5	6
relaxed	1	2	3	4	5	6
tenacious	1	2	3	4	5	6
timid	1	2	3	4	5	6
biddable	1	2	3	4	5	6
active	1	2	3	4	5	6
intelligent	1	2	3	4	5	6
sociable	1	2	3	4	5	6
restless	1	2	3	4	5	6
fearful	1	2	3	4	5	6
obedient	1	2	3	4	5	6
lively	1	2	3	4	5	6
reliable	1	2	3	4	5	6
assertive	1	2	3	4	5	6
excitable	1	2	3	4	5	6

## **AGGRESSION SCREEN**

**\*\*PLEASE SKIP THIS SECTION IF AGGRESSION IS NOT A PROBLEM\*\***

Has your dog bitten other dogs?                     Yes                     No

Has your dog bitten other animals?             Yes                     No

Has your dog bitten adults?                     Yes                     No

Has your dog bitten children?                 Yes                     No

Has your dog bitten and broken skin?         Yes                     No

Number of bites that have broken the skin? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Describe a typical episode: (eg does the dog growl, lunge or bite, and in what circumstances)

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

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

Who is/are the targets of the aggression?

Did your dog bite as a puppy?                 Yes                     No

If yes, please describe, including at what age:

How old was your dog the first time he barked at a person?

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog the first time he barked at another animal/dog?

What was the circumstance?

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

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog when he first growled at another dog/animal?

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog when he first snapped or bit at a person?

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog when he first snapped at or bit at another animal/dog?

What was the circumstance?

Please answer Yes or No to these characteristics of your dog's aggressive behaviour:

- |  |                              |                             |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Attacks seem sudden and surprising                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Episodes appear unprovoked                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| The dog is abruptly docile after an episode              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| The dog appears 'sorry' afterwards                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| The dog appears disoriented afterwards                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Episodes are associated with a 'glazed' or 'absent' look | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I can usually tell what will set my dog off              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| The aggressive behaviour is new and uncharacteristic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Please complete the tables below indicating how your dog would react when faced with each scenario. If your dog does not encounter any of the scenarios (i.e. you have never tried taking a toy from him/her) you should just tick Not Applicable – **DO NOT TEST YOUR DOG** if you are unsure.

## **AGGRESSION SCREEN - PART 1**

How does your dog react to YOU when you do the following? **DO NOT TEST YOUR DOG**

	Bark	Growl	Snarl/ Teeth	Snap/ Bite	No reaction	Never done
1. Pat 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 whilst resting/sleeping						
9. Approach whilst eating						
10. Touch whilst eating						
11. Take dog food away						
12. Take human food away						
13. Take water dish away						
14. Take rawhide/pigs ear						
15. Take dog biscuit						
16. Take real bone						
17. Approach when dog has a toy/bone						
18. Verbally punish						
19. Physically punish						
20. Visual threat						
21. Speak to dog (normal tone)						
22. Stare at dog						
23. Bend over dog						
24. Push on shoulder or back						
25. Approach dog near spouse						
26. Approach dog near children						
27. Enter room						
28. Leave room						
29. Reach towards dog						
30. Leash restraint						
31. Collar restraint						
32. Scruff restraint						
33. Put leash on/take off						
34. Put collar on/take off						
35. Bathe dog						
36. Towel dog						
37. Groom/brush dog						
38. Trim nails						
39. Leash/collar correction						
40. Response to 'Sit'						
41. Response to 'Down'						

## AGGRESION SCREEN – PART 2

How does your dog react if a STRANGER did the following? **DO NOT TEST YOUR DOG**

	Bark	Growl	Snarl/ Teeth	Snap/ Bite	No reaction	Never done
1. Pat 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 whilst resting/sleeping						
9. Approach whilst eating						
10. Touch whilst eating						
11. Take dog food away						
12. Take human food away						
13. Take water dish away						
14. Take rawhide/pigs ear						
15. Take dog biscuit						
16. Take real bone						
17. Approach when dog has a toy/bone						
18. Verbally punish						
19. Physically punish						
20. Visual threat						
21. Speak to dog (normal tone)						
22. Stare at dog						
23. Bend over dog						
24. Push on shoulder or back						
25. Approach dog near spouse						
26. Approach dog near children						
27. Enter room						
28. Leave room						
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30. Leash restraint						
31. Collar restraint						
32. Scruff restraint						
33. Put leash on/take off						
34. Put collar on/take off						
35. Bathe dog						
36. Towel dog						
37. Groom/brush dog						
38. Trim nails						
39. Leash/collar correction						
40. Response to 'Sit'						
41. Response to 'Down'						

## **AGGRESSION SCREEN – PART 3**

How does your dog react to the following? **DO NOT TEST YOUR DOG**

	Bark	Growl	Snarl/ Teeth	Snap/ Bite	No reaction	Never done
1. At the groomers						
2. At the vet clinic						
3. Unfamiliar adult enters house/yard						
4. Unfamiliar child enters house/yard						
5. Familiar adult enters house/yard						
6. Familiar child enters house/yard						
7. Response to toddlers/babies						
8. In the car at toll booth/petrol stations						
9. Unfamiliar adult approaches when dog on leash						
10. Unfamiliar child approaches when dog on leash						
11. Dog in house, sees people outside						
12. Your dog's response to <i>off leash</i> dogs when walking your dog on leash						
13. Your dog's response to <i>on leash</i> dogs when walking your dog on leash						
14. Your dog's response to <i>off leash</i> dogs when your dog off leash						
15. Your dog's response to <i>on leash</i> dogs when your dog off leash						