

Canine Behavioral History Form

Please read the following directions carefully:

- Please complete this form with as much detail as possible. There are no wrong or correct answers. Each question will be used during the assessment of your pet so answer each question.
- Please videotape your pet performing the behavior(s) before your visit, if possible. Do not put the pet, yourself, or other people or animals in danger for this recording. However, a video can be a great help for finding a behavioral diagnosis, especially if your pet will not show the behavior problem during the consultation.
- It might be helpful if you draw a floor plan of your house with the sleeping and eating places of your pet.
- If more than one pet is involved in the behavior problem, please contact us. It may be beneficial to bring more than one pet to the consultation. *Do not bring more than one pet without prior consent from the service.*

Thank you and we look forward to working with you and your pet(s)!

Date form submitted	
Person's Name	
Dog Name	
Breed	
Age/Date of birth	
Sex	
Neutered? At what age?	
Weight (last known, in kg)	

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I. Chief Complaint

1. What is the main behavior problem or chief complaint?

2. When did the problem begin?

3. When does the dog misbehave? How often and under what circumstances? Where does it happen?

4. Describe the first incident. When did it occur? Where did it occur? What exactly happened? What was the dog's body language? How did you react? Who else was present? Was there a change in the household, dog's routine, or any other particular circumstances?

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5. Describe the most recent incident. When did it occur? Where did it occur? What exactly happened? What was the dog's body language? How did you react? Who else was present? Was there a change in the household, dog's routine, or any other particular circumstances?

6. Describe the next most recent incident. When did it occur? Where did it occur? What exactly happened? What was the dog's body language? How did you react? Who else was present? Was there a change in the household, dog's routine, or any other particular circumstances?

7. Other incidents? Most severe incident?

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8. Has there been a change in frequency or appearance of the problem?

9. What has been done so far to correct the problem? Did it change the behavior? If yes, did it improve or worsen the behavior?

10. Why do you think the behavior occurs?

11. Are there other behavior problems? If yes, answer questions 2-10 for the other behavior problems. Please use an extra page if needed.

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II. Dog's Environment

12. Please list the people in the dog's environment and their schedules.

Name	Age	Sex	Relationship (Self, spouse, child, etc)	Duties towards dog	Occupation	Quality of relationship with dog	Average hours away from home/day

13. What other animals are in the house or on the premises? Please list the animals in the order they were obtained.

Name	Species	Breed	Sex	Age obtained	Age now	Relationship with dog

14. Where is the dog kept during the day? At night? When the owner is away?

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15. Please describe your living situation: house, apartment, other? Rural or urban? Yard? If yes, size, fenced or not, what type of fence and height, doggy dog? You may want to attach a floor plan of your home with important places to your dog (feeding and resting areas, etc).

16. How is the dog exercised? Does it run free? How and when do you play with it? How often and for how long do you walk? Do you walk in rural or urban areas? Do you visit dog parks?

17. Describe a typical day in the dog's life. Please be as specific as possible and give times with the activities. Start with where the dog is when you wake up in the morning. How long is your dog completely alone? How many hours does it spend indoor/outdoor? Is it crated or confined during the day or at night?

18. Has your household changed since acquiring your dog (move to a new home, change in family schedule, pet added or lost, human household member arrived or departed)? If yes, please describe.

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Aggression Screen for Dogs

For the following questions, "aggression" includes:

- *Growling* = rumble with mouth closed and teeth not showing
- *Baring teeth* = show teeth
- *Lunging* = dog moves quickly towards target, may be accompanied by snapping
- *Snapping* = teeth close rapidly together without contacting target
- *Biting* = teeth close rapidly together and contact target; may or may not leave marks

Please check all that apply. Has your dog shown aggression towards:

- You? Family Members? Strangers? Other Dogs? Other Animals?

If yes, fill out the aggression screen. If no, please proceed to Section III on page 12.

Please review this list of circumstances and check all that your dog has demonstrated, even if it occurred only once. A familiar person may be a family member or anyone with whom the dog has interacted regularly, including persons coming to the household regularly. An unfamiliar person is a stranger or someone your dog sees or interacts with only occasionally.

GENERAL INTERACTIONS	No aggression	Barks	Growls or bares teeth	Lunges or snaps (no contact)	Bites (contact)	Situation does not apply	Comments (use additional sheets if necessary)
Familiar person reaches towards or over dog							
Unfamiliar person reaches towards or over dog							
Familiar person bends over dog							
Unfamiliar person bends over dog							
Familiar person stares at dog							
Unfamiliar person stares at dog							
Familiar person pets dog							
Unfamiliar person pets dog							
Familiar person lifts dog							
Familiar person speaks to dog in normal tone							
Unfamiliar person speaks to dog in normal tone							
Familiar person rolls dog over onto back							

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Familiar person puts on/takes off leash/collar/ harness/head halter							
Unfamiliar person puts on/takes off leash/collar/harness/head halter							
Familiar person attempts to move freely through the house							
Dog aggressive only when particular familiar person present but not aggressive toward that family member							
Person touches, hugs or kisses another person in presence of dog							
Person yells/shouts at another person or hits another person in presence of dog							
HANDLING AND GROOMING							
Familiar person bathes, grooms or towels dog							
Unfamiliar person bathes, grooms or towels dog							
Familiar person cleans/treats ears							
Unfamiliar person cleans/treats ears							
Familiar person trims nails							
Unfamiliar person trims nails							
Familiar person gives pill							
Behavior during veterinary exam							
FOOD AND OTHER RESOURCES							
Familiar person approaches dog while eating							
Another dog approaches dog while eating							
Familiar person touches dog while eating							
Familiar person takes dog's filled food bowl							
Familiar person takes dog's empty food bowl							
Familiar person takes dog's empty food bowl							
Familiar person takes dog's water bowl							
Familiar person takes human food that fell on floor							

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Familiar person approaches when dog is near bone/toy/object							
Another dog approaches when dog is near bone/toy/object							
Familiar person takes rawhide/biscuit/real bones							
Another dog takes rawhide/biscuit/real bone							
Familiar person takes objects/ "stolen" objects/ toys							
Another dog takes objects/ "stolen" objects/ toys							
Familiar person removes objects from dog's mouth							
RESTING / FURNITURE							
Familiar person approaches dog while on furniture							
Unfamiliar person approaches dog while on furniture							
Familiar person approaches dog while resting, any location							
Unfamiliar person approaches dog while resting, any location							
Familiar person touches/disturbs dog while sleeping							
Unfamiliar person touches/disturbs dog while sleeping							
Familiar person calls dog off furniture							
Familiar person pulls/pushed dog off furniture							
RESPONSE TO CORRECTIONS							
Familiar person reprimands dog physically (hit)							
Familiar person reprimands dog verbally							
Familiar person visually threatens dog							
Familiar person pushes down on shoulders/back/rump							
Familiar person performs a leash correction (pull on the leash)							
Familiar person restrains dog on collar							

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TERRITORIAL							
Unfamiliar person comes to door							
Unfamiliar person enters dog's house or yard while familiar person is present							
Unfamiliar person enters dog's house or yard while familiar person is not present							
Familiar person enters or leaves room dog is in							
Unfamiliar person enters or leaves room dog is in							
Unfamiliar person approaches/passes when dog in car							
BEHAVIOR OUTDOOR							
Unfamiliar person approaches/passes dog while walking on leash							
Unfamiliar person interacts with dog while dog on leash							
Unfamiliar person interacts with dog while off leash							
Unfamiliar person speaks to owner in presence of dog during leash walk							
Bicycles, skateboards approach/pass while dog on leash							
BEHAVIOR WITH OTHER DOGS							
Another dog approaches when your dog is on leash							
Another dog approaches when your dog is off leash							
Another dog mounts hind end of your dog							
Another dog stares at your dog							
Another dog attempts to play with your dog							
Another dog tries to move in your dog's house							
Behavior towards other dogs only when familiar person present (differs from behavior when familiar person absent?)							

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BEHAVIOR TOWARDS SMALL ANIMALS							
Dog sees cat indoors							
Dog sees cat outdoors							
Dog sees squirrel							
Dog sees other small animal							
BEHAVIOR TOWARDS CHILDREN							
Unfamiliar child approaches/passes during walk							
Unfamiliar child interacts with dog during walk							
Unfamiliar child speaks to owner in presence of dog							
Unfamiliar child enters house or yard							
Unfamiliar child interacts with dog in house/yard							
Familiar child interacts/play with dog in house/yard							
Response to infants or toddlers							
Familiar child is running beside or away from the dog							
Unfamiliar child is running beside or away from the dog							

Characteristics of Aggression (Please check all that apply)

Attacks are sudden and surprising	
Attack appears to be unprovoked	
Dog is abruptly docile afterwards	
Dog appears disoriented afterwards	
Dog has a glazed or absent expression	
You can usually tell what will set the dog off	
The behavior is new and uncharacteristic	

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If your dog has ever bitten anyone, please list the total number of bites in the table below.

Individual (name and description)	Context (situation, atmosphere)	Location (part of body bitten)	Severity (bruise, broken skin, blood drawn, stitches?)	Was the bite reported? To whom (local authorities, hospital, humane society)?

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III. Early History

19. Why did you choose to get a dog?

20. Why did you choose to get this particular dog?

21. Where did you obtain the dog (breeder, rescue, etc)? Please describe the environment in as much detail as possible. If applicable, describe the parents' behavior. Do you have any news about litter mates?

22. When was the dog weaned? How many litter mates did it have and what sexes?

23. How old was the dog when you obtained it?

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24. Did the dog have any previous owners? If so, why was the dog given up?

25. Describe your dog's behavior as a puppy (activity level, fear level, easy to train, etc.).

26. Did you have pets before obtaining this dog? If yes, please list species, breed, age, when obtained, and when they left the family. Did any of them have behavior problems?

IV. Education

27. What method did you use during house breaking? What age was the dog when it was house broken? Does the dog ever eliminate in the house now?

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28. Who trained the dog? How well does it obey commands for each person in the household? Please use the chart and indicate good, fair, or poor for each individual.

Individual	Sit	Down	Come	Stay	Heel (not pulling on leash)	Drop it	Watch me

29. Does the dog obey better in certain places/situations?

30. What techniques did you use to train your dog?

31. Did you use any of the following training tools to train your dog? Please write yes to all applicable.

Leather or cloth collar		Leash	
Choke chain or choke collar		Head halter	
Prong collar		Harness	
Citronella spray		Easy Walk harness	
Other spray collars		Whistle	
Ultrasonic collar		Clicker	
Fisher discs		Treats	
Clamp		Toys	
Throw chain		Towing line	
Other? Please specify.			

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32. How old was the dog when you started training?

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33. Did you ever attend any classes, such as obedience, agility, nose work, flyball, rally training, schutzhund, or similar?

34. Does your dog know any tricks, such as fetch, shake hands, roll over, etc?

35. Which commands does your dog like best?

36. Was your dog trained to hunt? If yes, please describe.

37. Is your dog crate trained? If yes, how did you train it? How long can it stay in the crate?

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38. Would you describe your dog as a good, fair, or poor learner? Why?

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39. Have you read any dog training books? If yes, please list them.

V. Feeding

40. What kind of food is the dog fed and when is it fed? Please list whether the food is dry or canned, brand, and amount per feeding.

41. Who feeds the dog? Can you take the food away from the dog? Please describe your feeding routine. If you have more than one pet, where are the other pets when the dog is fed?

42. Does the dog have a good appetite? Does it finish its meals? Does it like treats? How often and what kind of treats (rawhides, etc) do you feed? Does it receive human food?

43. Is water available to your dog 24 hours a day? If not, why?

VI. Sexual and Maternal

44. Has the dog shown mounting behavior or been in heat? If the dog mounts, does it mount dogs (which sex) or inanimate objects (ex: pillows, etc)?

45. Has the dog been bred? If applicable, was it a good mother? Does your dog ever "mother" toys, specific items, or other animals?

VII. Grooming

46. Does your dog keep its coat in good condition? Are there any areas which are licked excessively?

47. Does your dog tolerate brushing or enjoy it?

48. How does your dog react if given a pill?

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VIII. Social

49. How does your dog interact with the following people? Please indicate whether the interaction happens on its own territory (house, yard, adjacent street) or off territory. Please describe your dog's body language as accurately as possible.

Friends	
Children	
Strangers	
Veterinarians	
Groomer	

50. Where is your dog when you have guests? Do you put it there or does it go on its own?

51. How does your dog interact with other dogs?

52. How does your dog interact with cats and other animals?

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53. When does the dog bark? When does the dog whine?

IX. Other

54. Does your dog sleep through the night? Where does it sleep?

55. How does your dog act during storms? How does it react to loud noises?

56. How does your dog act when it is left alone?

57. Does your dog follow a certain household member around the house? If yes, who?

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58. Please describe how you prepare to leave the house when the dog will be left alone.
How does your dog behave?

59. How does your dog behave when you return?

60. Does your dog jump on you or others without permission?

61. Does your dog paw at you or others?

62. Does your dog lick you?

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63. What is your dog's activity level: sedate, average, athletic, hyperactive?

64. How would you describe your dog's personality?

X. Medical

65. Please list all previously diagnosed medical problems and how they were treated.

66. Please list all current medication and over-the-counter supplements. Include heartworm and flea/tick prevention.

67. When was your dog's last medical check-up, blood work and any other laboratory testing?

XI. Severity of Problem

68. What are your goals for your dog? What do you expect from the behavior consultation today? Please be specific.

69. Please mark which statement 1 through 5 best describes the severity of your dog's behavior issue.

1. The problem is not serious but I came to learn the treatment options.	
2. The problem is not serious but I would like to change the behavior.	
3. The problem is serious and I would like to change it. I will keep my dog if it remains unchanged.	
4. The problem is very serious but I will keep my dog if it remains unchanged.	
5. The problem is very serious and if left unchanged, I will euthanize or relinquish my dog.	

70. Have you considered finding another home for this dog?

71. Have you considered euthanasia (putting your dog to sleep)?

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72. Did someone recommend euthanasia before your visit here? If yes, who?

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73. Do you have any further comments to add?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire thoroughly and candidly.

Basket Muzzles

A properly fitted basket muzzle will allow your dog to pant and even drink water. A basket muzzle will allow you to ensure the safety of people and other animals encountering your dog. Basket muzzles work best when the dog has been slowly introduced to it and does not only wear the muzzle when something "bad" is happening.

To familiarize your dog with its new basket muzzle do the following (treats should be used during all stages of fitting):

1. Allow your dog to sniff the muzzle and inspect it. Reward your dog for being around the muzzle.
2. Place small treats in the muzzle or through the bars so your dog reaches its nose in to obtain the treats.
3. After your dog is comfortable placing his nose in the muzzle, fasten the strap behind the ears.

The

neck strap should be snug and high enough to keep the muzzle on but not restrict your dog's breathing.

4. Feed your dog small treats through the muzzle.

Muzzle fitting should be a positive experience for your dog. Remember to use lots of praise and treats. Proceed slowly and stop the fitting session before your dog is frustrated or tired. Multiple short and pleasant sessions will achieve better results than one long, tiring session.

How to measure:

Select the type of dog breed and measure the Length of the nose and the Circumference of the nose in inches.

Length - measure your dog approximately 0.5" below eyes to the tip of nose.

Circumference - measure approximately 0.5" below eyes and around snout.



Note: for small and medium dogs add approximately 0.5" for length and approximately 0.5" to 3/4" for circumference. For big and large dogs add approximately 1" for length and 1" to 1.5" for circumference.

Visit the websites below to purchase a quality basket muzzle. If you are unsure which muzzle will best fit your dog, call the company and tell them the breed, size, and muzzle shape of your dog. **Basket muzzles are not sold in pet stores and are only available online.**

<http://www.morrco.com/dogmuzzles1.html>