

Feline 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	
Cat Name	
Breed	
Age/Date of birth	
Sex	
Neutered? At what age?	
Weight (last known, in kg or lb)	

I. Chief Complaint

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

2. When did the problem begin?

3. When does the cat 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 cat's body language? How did you react? Who else was present? Was there a change in the household, cat's routine, or any other particular circumstances?

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

7. Other incidents? Most severe incident?

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.

II. Cat's Environment

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

Name	Age	Sex	Relationship (Self, spouse, child, etc)	Duties towards Cat	Occupation	Quality of relationship with Cat	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 Cat

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

15. Please describe your and the cat's living situation: house, apartment, other? Rural or urban? Yard? DO other cats come around your home? You may want to attach a floor plan of your home with important places to your cat (feeding, resting areas, etc).

16. How is the cat exercised? How and when do you play with your cat?

17. Describe a typical day in the cat's life. Please be as specific as possible and give times with the activities. Start with where the cat is when you wake up in the morning. How long is your cat 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 cat (move to a new home, change in family schedule, pet added or lost, human household member arrived or departed)? If yes, please describe.

Aggression Screen for Cats

For the following questions, “aggression” includes:

- *Growling*
- *Hissing*
- *Swatting* with paws (with claws unsheathed)
- *Lunging* = cat 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 cat 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 cat has demonstrated, even if it occurred only once. A familiar person may be a family member or anyone with whom the cat has interacted regularly, including persons coming to the household regularly. An unfamiliar person is a stranger or someone your cat sees or interacts with only occasionally.

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

Situation	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 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 cat							
Person yells/shouts at another person or hits another person in presence of cat							
HANDLING AND GROOMING							
Familiar person bathes, grooms or towels cat							
Unfamiliar person bathes, grooms or towels cat							
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 cat while eating							
Another cat approaches cat while eating							
Familiar person touches cat while eating							
Familiar person takes cat's filled food bowl							
Familiar person takes cat's empty food bowl							
Familiar person takes cat's empty food bowl							
Familiar person takes cat's water bowl							
Familiar person takes human food that fell on floor							

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

Situation	No aggression	Barks	Growls or bares teeth	Lunges or snaps (no contact)	Bites (contact)	Situation does not apply	Comments (use additional sheets if necessary)
TERRITORIAL							
Unfamiliar person comes to door							
Unfamiliar person enters cat's house or yard while familiar person is present							
Unfamiliar person enters cat's house or yard while familiar person is not present							
Familiar person enters or leaves room cat is in							
Unfamiliar person enters or leaves room cat is in							
Unfamiliar person approaches/passes when cat in car							
BEHAVIOR OUTDOOR							
Unfamiliar person approaches/passes cat while walking on leash							
Unfamiliar person interacts with cat while cat on leash							
Unfamiliar person interacts with cat while off leash							
Unfamiliar person speaks to owner in presence of cat during leash walk							
Bicycles, skateboards approach/pass while cat on leash							
BEHAVIOR WITH OTHER DOGS							
Another cat approaches when your cat is on leash							
Another cat approaches when your cat is off leash							
Another cat mounts hind end of your cat							
Another cat stares at your cat							
Another cat attempts to play with your cat							
Another cat tries to move in your cat's house							
Behavior towards other cats only when familiar person present (differs from behavior when familiar person absent?)							

Situation	No aggression	Barks	Growls or bares teeth	Lunges or snaps (no contact)	Bites (contact)	Situation does not apply	Comments (use additional sheets if necessary)
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 cat during walk							
Unfamiliar child speaks to owner in presence of cat							
Unfamiliar child enters house or yard							
Unfamiliar child interacts with cat in house/yard							
Familiar child interacts/play with cat in house/yard							
Response to infants or toddlers							
Familiar child is running beside or away from the cat							
Unfamiliar child is running beside or away from the cat							

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 cat off	
The behavior is new and uncharacteristic	

If your cat 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)?

III. Early History

19. Why did you choose to get a cat?

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

21. Where did you obtain the cat (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 cat weaned? How many litter mates did it have and what sexes?

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

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

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

26. Did you have pets before obtaining this cat? 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 cat when it was house broken? Does the cat ever eliminate in the house now?

28. Who trained the cat? 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 cat obey better in certain places/situations?

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

31. Did you use any of the following training tools to train your cat? 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.			

32. How old was the cat 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 cat know any tricks, such as fetch, shake hands, roll over, etc?

35. Which commands does your cat like best?

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

37. Is your cat 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 cat as a good, fair, or poor learner? Why?

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

V. Feeding

40. What kind of food is the cat fed and when is it fed? Please list whether the food is dry or canned, brand, and amount per feeding. Do you use feeding toys ever?

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

42. Does the cat have a good appetite? Does it finish its meals? Does it like treats? How often and what kind of treats do you feed? Does it receive human food?

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

VI. Sexual and Maternal

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

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

VII. Grooming

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

47. Does your cat tolerate brushing or enjoy it?

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

VIII. Social

49. How does your cat 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 cat's body language as accurately as possible.

Friends	
Children	
Strangers	
Veterinarians	
Groomer	

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

51. How does your cat interact with other cats?

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

53. When does the cat meow? When does the cat yowl?

IX. Other

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

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

56. How does your cat act when left alone?

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

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

59. How does your cat behave when you return?

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

61. Does your cat paw at you or others?

62. Does your cat lick you?

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

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

X. Medical

65. Please list all previously diagnosed medical problems and how they were treated, if not addressed at this clinic.

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

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

XI. Severity of Problem

68. What are your goals for your cat? 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 cat'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 cat if it remains unchanged.	
4. The problem is very serious but I will keep my cat if it remains unchanged.	
5. The problem is very serious and if left unchanged, I will euthanize or relinquish my cat.	

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

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

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.