

Langford Vets

BEHAVIOUR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DOGS
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Please fill in as much of this questionnaire as you can before your appointment. If you feel that the questions are irrelevant, or that you have difficulty in answering them, do not worry, they will be discussed in detail during your consultation.

Date and venue of consultation:

Details about you:

- Your name
- Your address
- Contact phone numbers
- Your usual vet

Details about your dog:

- Name
- Breed or type
- Date of birth or present age
- Their sex and are they neutered?
- If they have been neutered when and why was this done?
- If your pet is an un-neutered bitch when was her last season? How long does she normally have in-between seasons? Has she ever shown signs of false pregnancy?
- Has your pet ever had any major medical problems in the past? Can you give brief details with dates?

- Does your dog have any current medical problems? Are you concerned about their health in any way?
- Are they receiving any medications at present from the practice? If yes, could you give details if you are aware of them.
- Do you give any supplements, herbal remedies, or homeopathic treatments? Please give details:

Details about the household:

- Who else lives with you and your dog? Please list all the family members and their ages.
- What experience have you and your family had in the past with dogs?
- Has the family composition changed while the dog has been living with you? If so how?
- Do all members of the family interact with the dog?
- What other animals live with you? Please list them with details of their type, breed, age and sex.
- Have they all been present throughout this dog's life with you? If not please indicate when they arrived in the household.
- Do all the animals get on with each other? Please indicate any particular friendships or rivalries.

Details about the household routine:

- Please give a rough outline of a routine day from the dog's perspective. This should include the routines associated with getting up, feeding, exercise, being left, and last thing at night.

Feeding

- What does your dog eat at meal times?
- What treats or snacks do they have?
- Who usually feeds?
- Where do they eat?
- Does your dog enjoy their food?

Sleeping

- Where does your dog sleep at night?
- Where does your dog rest during the day?

Walking/exercise

- What exercise does your dog have?
- How often is this and for how long each day?
- Where do you exercise them?
- Is walking on or off the lead?

Play

- Does your dog play with you?
What do you play?
- What toys does your dog have?
Do they have a favourite toy? What is it?
Do they play with toys by themselves?
Where are the toys kept?
- Does your dog play with other dogs?
If so when, where and with whom?

Access within the house and garden

- Where is your dog allowed within the house?
- Is your dog allowed on the beds and furniture?

- Does your dog have access to a garden? If so for how long each day?
- Does the access within the house or garden alter when you are not there?

Obedience training and handling

- What commands does your dog know and respond to?
- Do they always come when called? If not, is this a problem?
- Do they walk to heel? If not, is this a problem?
- Have you attended any training classes? When were these and how did you feel you got on?
- Does your dog let you groom him/her? Does your dog allow handling of his/her mouth (e.g. for tooth brushing), ears and feet (e.g. for nail clipping)?

Your dog's first days with you

- Where did you get your dog from?
- At what age was this?
- Did you meet any related dogs? What were they like? Have you kept in touch with the breeder or owners of siblings to know if they too have problems?
- If your dog was a rescue do you know any details about their life before joining you?
- Can you remember what the first few weeks were like? Does anything stick in your memory?
- How did toilet training go? Can you remember what you did? Was it problematic?

The problem behaviour

Please try and describe the problem behaviour of your dog in as much detail as possible:

- When did it first happen? Can you remember and describe the first episode?
- How often does it happen? Is this changing?
- What happens immediately before the problem behaviour? Can you predict that it is going to happen?
- What happens immediately after the problem?
- How do you react when it is happening? How do you react afterwards?
- Where does it happen? Is this predictable?

- Who is there when it happens?
- Is the problem getting worse, getting better, or staying the same?
- What have you already done to try and solve the problem? Have these measures helped at all? Have they made things worse?

Other behaviour problems

Are there any other problems related to your dog's behaviour? Please give details of any other behavioural issues.

More specifically:

How does your dog behave with unfamiliar visitors?

How does your dog behave with children?

What happens when your dog meets other dogs?

How does your dog behave with other animals generally?

How does your dog behave with loud noises such as cars back-firing, gunshot or fireworks?

How does your dog behave next to traffic or bicycles?

How does your dog behave in the car?

What happens when your dog is left alone?

How does your dog behave when groomed, being touched or having nails clipped?

How does your dog greet people?

Thank-you for your co-operation with this questionnaire. I very much look forward to helping you and your dog!

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