A symbol of a snake and yin yang

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**DOG BEHAVIOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name:       Date:      /     /

Address:

City:       State:       Postal (zip) code:

Email:

Cell: (     )     -      Alternate: (     )     -

Veterinarian/clinic:

Clinic phone: (     )     -      Clinic email:

Clinic address:

Referred by:

**PET INFORMATION**

Name:       Breed:       Color:

Date of birth (if known):      /     /      Age:       Age obtained:       Weight:

Has your pet EVER had a seizure?  Y  N

Sex:  M  F Spayed/Neutered?  Y  N Age spayed/neutered:

If your pet is female, did she experience one or more heat cycles before spaying?  Y  N

How many?       Were they normal?  Y  N

Any change after spaying/neutering?  Y  N

If yes, please explain:

If your pet is not spayed/neutered do you plan on breeding?  Y  N

Age of first heat if applicable:

Date(s) of heat cycles:       Duration:

Has your pet ever been bred?  Y  N How many times?

Outcome:

Why did you obtain your dog? (companion, breeding, etc.):

Have you owned a dog before?  Y  N

Have you owned this particular breed before?  Y  N

Why did you choose this specific breed?

Where did you get this pet?

shelter  stray/found  breeder  rescue group  newspaper  pet store  friend

other (please explain)

Breeder, if applicable:

Any previous owners?  Y  N

If so, how many?  1  2  3  4  Unknown

Reason previous owners gave pet up (if known):

How long have you had this pet?

List all other pets, including species, breed, sex, age obtained and age now:

Name Species Breed Sex Age Obtained Age Now

1.                              

2.

3.

4.

Refer to the list above and using numbers label which pet was obtained first, second etc.

Describe how your pets get along with each other:

List each family member living in the home:

Name Age Sex Relationship Occupation

                       

Who has the most control over your dog?

Who has the least control over your dog?

Briefly describe the usual daily schedule for the family:

**MEDICAL SCREEN**

When was your pet’s last physical exam?

When you your pet last vaccinated? (date if you know it)

Distemper       Rabies

Have any lab tests (such as blood work, urinalysis and/or x-rays) been done?  Y  N

If yes, what test were done?

**Please bring in results to your visit.**

Does your pet have any of the following?

1. Arthritis or other painful conditions

2. Allergies

3. Deficits in his/her senses

4. Abnormal bowel movements

5. Excessive drinking and/or urination

If yes to any of the above, please describe and indicate which condition using the number:

Is your pet currently taking any medication to prevent heartworms?  Y  N Brand

Is your pet on any kind of flea prevention?  Y  N Brand

Is your pet currently taking any other medication (this includes vitamins, herbs, and over the counter supplements)?  Y  N

Name concentration (mg) frequency taken

           

**Are there any other medical issues we should know about?**

**FEEDING SCHEDULE/EATING HABITS**

Brand and type (wet/dry/both) of food fed:

When and how often is pet fed?

Describe eating habits (e.g., picky, voracious):

List treats:

How often and in what amounts are they given?

Favorite treat:

How often is your pet fed snacks from the table (human food) each day?

**ENVIRONMENT/LIFESTYLE**

What kind of living situation do you have?

apartment  townhouse/condo  house with small yard  house with large yard  farm

How long is the dog home alone on the average day?

Dog’s reaction to being alone:

Describe where dog stays at each of the following times:

Daytime (when owners at home):

Daytime (when owners away):

Night-time:

When guests visit:

Have you ever used a crate for confinement?  Y  N

If yes, describe crate and location:

Describe the dog’s reaction to being crated:

Do you still use a crate?  Y  N

If no, when and why did you stop?

Where does your pet sleep? (check all that apply)

In or on your bed  On its own bed in your bedroom  In a crate in your bedroom

In a crate in another room  On the floor next to your bed  Anywhere it wants.

In another room because it is locked from your bedroom.  Other

How does your dog react to the following?

Car rides:

Unusual/loud noises:

Strangers in home:

New (non-family) dogs:

New (non-family)cats:

**DAILY ACTIVITIES AND ROUTINE**

How many times is your dog walked or let out per day?

If your pet is walked what is the average length of time for each walk, in minutes?

This pet (please check all that apply)

Allowed to run free, unsupervised  Fenced yard/Kennel/Run  Leash-walked only

Outside unleashed, but supervised  Indoors only  Outdoors only

How often do you play with toys or play games with the pet **inside** the house (daily) on average?

How long does each play bout last, on average (in minutes)?

Type of exercise/play:

Who exercises/plays with your pet?

Often do you play with toys or play games with the pet **outside** the house daily (on average)

How long does each play bout last, on average (in minutes)?

Type of exercise/play:

Who exercises/plays with your pet?

Favorite game(s) and toy(s):

**TRAINING**

What is your dog’s obedience school history?

No school trained myself  Puppy kindergarten  Group lessons – basic

Group lessons – advanced  Private trainer in the home  Private trainer away from home

Age when dog started lessons/training:

How did the dog do in obedience school?

Does the dog have any obedience titles?

Who took the dog to obedience school?

How would you describe the training?

Reward-based  Assertive/domineering  Aversive/mostly corrections

Other:

Briefly describe the training techniques:

What training was most successful?

What training was least successful?

Describe your dog’s learning ability:

What commands does the dog know and how well?

Sit  perfect  OK  Needs work

Stay  perfect  OK  Needs work

Lie down  perfect  OK  Needs work

Come  perfect  OK  Needs work

Wait  perfect  OK  Needs work

Heel  perfect  OK  Needs work

Fetch  perfect  OK  Needs work

Drop it  perfect  OK  Needs work

Other

Does your dog know any tricks?  Y  N List/explain:

Can you get your dog to settle on command?  Y  N If yes, describe:

Type of training collar used:

Neck collar If yes, indicate type:       (buckle, choke, pronged, etc.)

Remote collar If yes, indicate type:       (shock, citronella, etc.)

Head halter If yes, indicate type:

Body harness If yes, indicate type:

None, trained off leash

Dog’s response to collar(s) used:

Is there any ongoing training?  Y  N If yes, describe:

**REINFORCER ASSESSMENT**

**Rewards**

How do you reward your dog?

If you could give your dog ANY food as a reward, what would be the favorite?

List the top five:

Other than food, what rewards (e.g., toy, affection) would be most enticing to your dog?

List the top five:

**Punishment**

Have you ever used any of the following for punishment or training?

Physical punishment Dog’s reaction:

Noise punishment (shaker can/siren) Dog’s reaction:

Ultrasonic Dog’s reaction:

Water sprayer Dog’s reaction:

Verbal reprimands Dog’s reaction:

Physical handling Dog’s reaction:

Muzzle grasp Dog’s reaction:

Pinning Dog’s reaction:

Time-out Dog’s reaction:

Booby traps/repellants Dog’s reaction:

Which is most effective?

Does any punishment make the problem worse?  Y  N If yes, describe:

Has punishment ever led to threatening behavior or aggression?  Y  N If yes, explain:

Does your dog respond differently to punishment from different family members?  Y  N

If yes, describe:

**HANDLING**

Does your dog react negatively to any of the following types of handling?

Nail trimming  Ear cleaning  Brushing fur  Bathing  Rubbing belly  Patting head

Grabbing collar  Being lifted  Rolling over  Brushing teeth  Giving pills

Giving liquid medications  Hugging/kissing

If you marked any of the above, please describe:

**HOUSETRAINING SCREEN**

Where is your dog’s primary location for elimination?

On average, how many times a day does your dog urinate      ; defecate

Is your dog completely housetrained? (No problems or accidents in the house.)  Y  N

If Yes, please proceed to Departure Behavior.

If No, please continue to answer the following questions.

Does your dog ever eliminate outdoors?  Y  N

Do you accompany your dog to its elimination site?  Y  N

What is your dog’s favored location outdoors?

What is your preferred location for your dog to eliminate?

What do you do after your dog eliminates in the correct location?

What do you do when you catch your dog soiling in an incorrect location?

Does your dog signal to eliminate?  Y  N If yes, describe:

About how often does your dog soil in the house?

When is the dog most likely to house soil?

Does your dog soil in the home by:  urinating  defecating  both

What are the most likely locations for indoor elimination?

Does your dog soil the house when family members are at home?  Y  N If yes, describe:

Does your dog soil house while you are watching?  Y  N If yes, describe:

What do you do when you find urine or stool in the improper location?

Does your dog urine mark?  Y  N If yes, describe:

Does your dog ever eliminate in a location where he/she has been sleeping?  Y  N

If your dog spends time in a crate, does your dog ever eliminate in the crate?  Y  N

Does your dog ever leak/dribble urine?  Y  N

Does urine leak while your dog is:  Sleeping  Walking  Approached by owners

Approached by strangers  When excited  When frightened

**DEPARTURE BEHAVIOR SCREENING**

When you go out is your dog confined or crated?  Y  N

If yes, indicate if crated or what areas are restricted:

How long is the dog left alone on the average day?

At what time of the day is your dog left alone?

How does your dog react when you prepare to leave?

Has your dog ever been left at a kennel, veterinary office, or with a friend/relative?  Y  N

If yes, where and describe your dog’s reaction:

Is the dog ever alone outdoors?  Y  N

How often?       How long (average)?

Where is the dog left when outdoors?

How does your dog react to being left alone outdoors?

Does your dog exhibit any behavior problems when you leave it alone?  Y  N

If Yes, please continue to answer the following questions.

If No, please proceed to next section.

Describe your dog’s behavior when left alone at home (list problems and how long after departure they occur):

Does the behavior differ depending on length of time or time of day left alone?  Y  N

If yes, how:

How does your dog react at the time of departure (as the last person prepares to leave)?

Does the behavior differ depending on who is the last to leave?

What is the dog’s reaction at homecomings?

Have you ever left the dog alone in the car?  Y  N If yes, how does it react?

**AGGRESSION SCREEN**

Is aggression the primary reason for today’s visit?  Y  N

Has your pet ever displayed any of the following?  Threatening displays  Growling

Bite attempts  Bites

If none, then precede to Behavior Problems.

When was the most recent incident?

**Situations causing aggression**

Petting/handling/restraint:  Growled  attempted to bite  Bit

Eating food or treats:  Growled  attempted to bite  Bit

Chewing toys/stolen objects:  Growled  attempted to bite  Bit

Waking up:  Growled  Attempted to bite  Bit

What is the potential for injury?  None/Preventable  Minimal  Moderate  Severe

Is the problem serious enough that you will be unable to keep your pet if it is not improved?  Y  N

Is your dog ever aggressive to members of the immediate family?  Y  N

If yes, who?       Describe:

Is your dog ever aggressive to visitors to your home?  Y  N

Were the people:  Known  Strangers  Both Describe:

Is your dog aggressive to people when off property?  Y  N

Were the people:  Known  Strangers  Both Describe:

Is there a particular person or type (age, sex, uniforms) that your dog is most likely to threaten or bite?

Is there a particular location or situation where aggression is most likely to occur?  Y  N

When/where?

Has your dog ever bitten hard enough to break skin or cause injury?  Y  N

If yes, describe:

Describe situations where your dog barks, threatens, or growls, but does not bite:

Does your dog ever display aggression to other animals?  Y  N

If yes, what animals?

Describe aggression:

When your dog threatens or attempts to bite, how do you handle the situation and what is the dog’s reaction?

After your dog has bitten how do you handle the situation and what is the dog’s reaction?

How would you describe your dog’s attitude at the time of the aggression? (bold, protective, outgoing, fearful, etc.):

How would you describe your dog’s expression and postures at the time of aggression? (cowering, ears back, tail tucked, hackles raised, retreating, hiding):

**BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS**

What is/are the behavior problem(s) that you wish to address and how much of a problem do you consider the behavior(s) to be?

Behavior

       very serious  serious  not serious

       very serious  serious  not serious

       very serious  serious  not serious

       very serious  serious  not serious

       very serious  serious  not serious

Age when pet first began showing signs of the problem(s):

Has the frequency or intensity of the occurrence of the behavior changed since the problem started?  Y  N

If so, how, and when?

Behavior 1

Frequency of occurrence of the undesirable behavior:  Daily  Weekly  Monthly

% of the time that pet is in a situation during which undesirable behavior occurs

<25%  25-50%  51-75%  76-100%

Behavior 2

Frequency of occurrence of the undesirable behavior  Daily  Weekly  Monthly

% of the time that pet is in a situation during which undesirable behavior occurs

<25%  25-50%  51-75%  76-100%

Behavior 3

Frequency of occurrence of the undesirable behavior  Daily  Weekly  Monthly

% of the time that pet is in a situation during which undesirable behavior occurs

<25%  25-50%  51-75%  76-100%

Behavior 4

Frequency of occurrence of the undesirable behavior  Daily  Weekly  Monthly

% of the time that pet is in a situation during which undesirable behavior occurs

<25%  25-50%  51-75%  76-100%

Behavior 5

Frequency of occurrence of the undesirable behavior  Daily  Weekly  Monthly

% of the time that pet is in a situation during which undesirable behavior occurs

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Record a detailed description of events and how long ago each event occurred:

Most recent incident:       Date Occurred:      /     /

Second most recent incident:       Date Occurred:      /     /

Third most recent incident:       Date Occurred:      /     /

Chronological development of problem(s) and other significant incidents:

Duration of problem(s):  Days        Months        Years

Has your household changed since acquiring this pet?  Y  N

If so, how?  Death in human family  Death in pet family  Divorce  Marriage

New baby  Child moved  Pet added  Family moved  family schedule changed  Other:

What corrections (behavioral training) and/or medical therapy have been done to date and to what outcome?

Do you know if the parents engage in similar behaviors as the presented pet?  Yes  No  Don’t know

If yes, what behaviors are exhibited and by whom?

Do you know if any littermates are engaging in the same behaviors?  Yes  No  Don’t know

If yes, what behaviors are exhibited and by whom?

Why have you kept this pet despite its behavior problem(s)?

Are you concerned that you may have caused the problem(s)?  Y  N Why?

Do you feel guilty about this/these problem(s)?  Y  N Why?

Have you considered finding another home for this pet?  Y  N

Have you considered euthanasia (putting your pet to sleep)?  Y  N

Did someone recommend euthanasia before your visit here?  Y  N

What are your expectations for this visit?