

Canine Behavioral History Form

Please read the following directions carefully:

- Please download this form, type in answers with as much detail as possible, and then email it back to behavior@uga.edu. ***Handwritten forms will not be accepted.***
- There are no wrong or correct answers. Feel free to only answer that questions that apply to your pet.
- Please videotape your pet performing any problem behavior(s) before your visit. Do not put the pet, yourself, or other people or animals in danger for this recording. A video can be a great help for a precise diagnosis, especially if your pet will not show the behavior problem during the consultation. As some video files are too large to email, you may bring them to the appointment.
- 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.
- Please try to bring all family members involved in the daily care of your pet to the consultation.
- If your dog has shown aggression, do not bring it into the building without our permission. You may leave your dog in the car briefly while you check in and then we will escort you through a separate entrance. If you already have a basket muzzle for your dog, please bring it to the appointment so we can evaluate the fit and safety of the muzzle.
- The history form must be returned **one week** prior to your appointment. ***If we do not receive your completed form one week prior to your appointment, we will automatically cancel your appointment.*** Please call in advance to change your appointment if you are not able to return the form by the time it is due or if you have questions regarding the due date and time.

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

Date and time of appointment	
Client Name	
Dog Name	
Breed	
Age/Date of birth	
Sex	
Neutered? At what age?	
Weight (last known, in kg)	
Who referred you to the Behavioral Medicine Service?	

Please feel free to only answer the questions that apply to your pet's behavioral problem. Keep in mind that the more information you give us, the more efficiently we will be able to help.

Chief Complaint

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

2. When did the problem first begin?

3. What are the triggers for the problem? When and where does it happen? How often and under what circumstances?

4. Describe the first incident if you remember. When and where did it occur? What exactly happened (described your dog's body language and actions). How did you react? Who else was present? Was there a change in the household, dog's routine, or any other particular circumstances at the time?

5. Describe the most recent incident in detail.

6. Please report any other incidents that you find relevant, including the most severe incident (if not reported above):

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7. Has there been a change in frequency, intensity, duration or appearance of the problem?

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

9. Why do you think the problem behavior occurs?

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

I. Dog's Environment

11. 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 per day

12. 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

13. Where is the dog kept during the day, at night and when the owner is away?

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

15. 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?

16. 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?

17. 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. Did you feel that these changes affected your dog behaviorally?

If your dog shows aggressive behavior, please complete this section. If not, skip to section II (Early History).

Aggression screen: 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
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							
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							
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							

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RESPONSE TO HANDLING	No aggression	Barks	Growls or bares teeth	lunges or snaps (no contact)	bites (contact)	Situation does not apply	Comments
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							
FOOD AND OTHER RESSOURCES							
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 water bowl							
Familiar person takes human food that fell on floor							
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							

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RESTING / FURNITURE	No aggression	Barks	Growls or bares teeth	lunges or snaps (no contact)	bites (contact)	Situation does not apply	Comments
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							
TERRITORIAL RESPONSES							
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							

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BEHAVIOR OUTDOORS	No aggression	Barks	Growls or bares teeth	lunges or snaps (no contact)	bites (contact)	Situation does not apply	Comments
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							
RESPONSE TO 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							
RESPONSE TO 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							

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RESPONSE TO VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARY STAFF	No aggression	Barks	Growls or bares teeth	lunges or snaps (no contact)	bites (contact)	Situation does not apply	Comments
Behavior while waiting at the clinic's lobby							
Response to restraint, handling and physical examinations							
Response to vaccinations and other more invasive procedures (blood draws, rectal temperature, etc.)							

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	

Bite history: If your dog has ever bitten anyone, please list the total number of bites and details in the table below.

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

II. Early History

18. Where did you obtain your dog (breeder, rescue, etc.)? Please describe the environment and parents/siblings' behavior if known.

19. How old was your dog when you obtained it? Do you know at what age it was weaned and separated from his mother and littermates?

20. Did the dog have any previous owners? If so, do you know why was the dog given up?

21. Describe your dog's behavior as a puppy (activity level, fear responses, trainability, etc.).

III. Behavioral conditioning and training

22. 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?

23. Do your dog know any commands or verbal cues? Who trained the dog? Does the dog follow commands/verbal cues better in certain places/situations?

24. What techniques were used to teach/train your dog?

25. Did you or anyone use any of the following 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/bark collars		Whistle	
Ultrasonic collar		Clicker	
Fisher discs		Treats	
Clamp		Toys	
Throw chain		Towing line	
Other? Please specify.			

26. Do you use a crate for any purposes? If yes, does your dog tolerate being in it? If yes, how long can it stay in his or her crate?

IV. Management and other behavioral/mental health questions

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

2. Do you believe that your dog has any sign of acute or chronic pain (mobility/gait problems, sensitivity/aggression when touched, emotional/behavioral changes, changes in activity level, etc.)?

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3. Does your dog sleep through the night? Where does it sleep? Have you noticed any changes in his or hers sleeping cycle?

4. How would you describe your dog's personality? Apart from the reported behavior problem(s), do you perceive your dog as being stressed, fearful or anxious?

5. How does your dog act during storms? How does it react to other loud or sudden noises such as fireworks and gunshots?

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6. How does your dog act when it is left alone? Has it ever been videotaped while alone?

7. Does your dog follow a certain household member around the house?

8. Please describe how you prepare to leave the house when your dog will be left alone. How does your dog act when you are getting ready?

9. How does your dog behave when you return?

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

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

12. Where is your dog when you have guests?

13. 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.

14. Who feeds the dog? Please describe your feeding routine. If you have more than one pet, where are the other pets when the dog is fed?

15. 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?

v. Medical history

16. Please list all previously diagnosed medical problems and how they were (or are being) treated.

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

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

VI. Goals and severity of Problem

19. What are your goals for your dog? What do you expect from your pet's appointment today? Please be specific.

20. 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.	

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21. Have you considered finding another home for your dog?

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

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

24. Do you have any further comments to add?

***Thank you very much for your time and efforts.
We look forward to meeting you and your dog!***