



Client Questionnaire

This form needs to be filled out to the best of your ability and submitted prior to scheduling any training sessions.

Please also fill out the questionnaire below, and bring it with you to the first class.

Dog's Name: _____ Owner's Name: _____

What are the behavior problems that you are having with this dog?

(Check boxes that apply and please indicate by each checked item if this problem is “very serious”,

“serious”, or “not serious” for you and your family and make comments to explain the circumstances of where and when your dog does these behaviors)

- Housetraining issues
- Destructive behavior
- Jumping up on people
- Nipping at hands, feet
- Growling at strangers
- Biting strangers
- Growling at family members
- Biting family members
- Aggression toward strange dogs
- Aggression toward dogs in family
- Aggression toward other pets in family
- Handling issues (touching paws, ears, grooming, grabbing collar)
- Guarding food or bones
- Guarding toys
- Guarding people
- Guarding house / property
- Lack of attachment to family
- Over-attachment to family
- Over-protective of family
- Thunderstorm / loud noise
- Chasing other animals
- Chasing cars or other objects
- Flip-flop changes in temperament
- Barks / Howls a lot



- Runs away
- Breed-specific behaviors
- Other behaviors

What have you and your family tried to do to address these problems already?

What has worked?

What hasn't worked?

How serious is these problems for you and your family?

Does your dog need to be muzzled for a veterinary exam?

Does your dog live primarily indoors or primarily outdoors?

What type of collar does your dog wear for leash walking / training?

Do you bring your dog to a dog park? How often?

Do you bring your dog to a doggie daycare? How often?

How old was this dog when you first acquired it?

Where did you acquire the dog from? ___Breeder ___ Friend or
Relative ___Pet Store ___ Breed Rescue ___ Animal Shelter___ Stray / Abandoned

Has this dog had other owners? If so, how many?

Why was this dog surrendered?

How long have you had this dog?

What were the reasons for you adopting this dog?

What made you decide to choose this particular dog?

List types, genders, and ages of other pets at home:

List names, ages, and gender of adults and children that live in the same household as this dog:

Please check all that apply. Does or is this dog:

___ Allowed to run the neighborhood freely, outdoors, unsupervised



- Invisible fence in both front & back yard
- Invisible fence in back yard only
- In / Out Doggie Door to unfenced yard
- In / Out Doggie Door to fenced yard
- In a fenced yard with a fence that allows visibility out (chain-linked, split rail)
- In a fenced yard with a privacy fence that does not allow visibility out
- In a dog run or pen
- Tied outside
- In the house loose with free range of the house
- In the house loose with limited range of the house
- In the house crated
- Other _____

Where does your dog sleep?

Where does your dog stay when people are not home?

My dog is allowed in these areas of the house or yard:

My dog is not allowed in these areas of the house or yard:

What type of residence do you have?

- Apartment
- Townhouse / condominium
- House w/ a yard that is under 1/2 acre
- House w/ a yard that is over 1/2 acre
- Farm
- Other _____

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

What is the average length of a walk?

Where is your dog fed?

How often is your dog fed meals each day?

How often is your dog fed treats each day?

Is food left out for your dog to eat at leisure or taken away after feeding?

How often do you play games or play with toys with the dog inside the house per day (on average)?



How often do you play games or play with toys with the dog outside the house per day (on average)?

What other activities does the dog share with humans and how frequently?

What times of the day does the dog typically spend without humans?

Describe in detail how you prepare to leave the house when the dog will be left alone. (i.e. Do you ignore your dog, seek it out to say goodbye, make a fuss, etc.)

What does your dog do as you prepare to leave?

Training History:

Have you seen another trainer regarding this problem?

If so, what were the suggestions?

How did the suggestions work?

What is your dog's obedience school history?

Age when your dog started lessons / training:

Who took the dog for this training?

How did the dog do in lessons / training:

Does the dog have any competition titles or certifications?

Have you put competition titles on other dogs?

Who will train the dog after your lesson?

Who are the other family members that will work with the dog at home?

How many hours per week will be devoted to training this dog?

Number of hours currently spent on training dog per week:

Socialization History:

How much socialization did your dog have with other dogs as a young puppy? (age 5 weeks – 5 months)?

How much socialization did your dog have with adults as a young puppy?



How much socialization did your dog have with children as a young puppy?

How much socialization does your dog have with other dogs right now?

How much socialization does your dog have with young children right now?

Bite History:

Has your dog ever bitten a person? If so, describe each incident:

What were the circumstances before the bite?

Did the dog growl or snarl first?

Who received the bite?

Where was the bite?

How deep was the bite?

How many bites did the person receive?

Did the bites require medical attention?

Did the bite result in legal action?

How often does the dog growl or snarl at humans and what are the circumstances?

Other incidents (please list same information as above):

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What were the circumstances before the bite?

Where was the bite?

How deep was the bite?

How many bites did the dog receive?



Did the bites require medical attention?

Did the bite result in legal action?

How often does the dog growl or snarl at dogs and what are the circumstances?

Other incidents (please list same information as above):

What commands does the dog know and how well?

(Please mark next to each command

“reliable”, “usually responds”, “sometimes responds”, “needs work” or “haven’t trained”)

Sit

Lie Down

Stay

Come

Heel

Leave-it

Drop-it

Other commands:

Are you concerned that someone in the family or other influences may be making the problem behaviors worse?

What are the reasons that motivate you to want to work through the problem behaviors:

Please check off any long-term goals that you may have for this dog:

- Well-behaved family pet
- Canine Good Citizen title
- Formal obedience competition
- Agility training / competition

How does your dog react when you do the following?

(Please answer: O.K., snarls, growls, bites, N/A or other and add comments to explain) We know this is long just try and answer all as completely as possible so we have the best information available.

You take away empty food dish

You take away rawhide

You take away dog’s water dish

You take away a real bone

You take away human food that falls on floor

You take away a toy



Human approaches dog while it is eating

Another dog approaches while it is eating

Human approaches while it is playing with toys

Another dog approaches while it is playing with toys

Human approaches / disturbs dog while it is sleeping

Another dog approaches / disturbs dog while it is sleeping

Person steps over dog

Person pushes dog off of bed or couch

Person reaches toward dog

Person reaches over dogs head

Person puts a leash on the dog

Person pushes on dog's shoulders

Another dog mounts the dog (pushes on shoulders)

Person pushes on rump

Another dog mounts the dog (pushes on rump)

Person towels off dog's feet

Person bathes dog

Person runs brush over dog's head

Person runs brush over dog's body

Person stares at dog

Another dog stares at dog

Person takes dog's muzzle in hands and shakes it

Person pushes dog over onto its back

Stranger knocks on door

Stranger enters room

Dog is in the car at a toll booth

Dog is in the car

Dog is on leash and sees another dog

Dog is on leash and is approached by a person

Dog is in the yard and a person passes by

Dog is in the yard and another dog passes by

Dog is in the veterinarian's office

Dog is in the boarding kennel

Dog is at the groomer

Dog is yelled at

Dog is corrected with the leash

One person raises their voice at you or a family member

One person hugs / touches you or a family member



Dog is approached by cats, small animals, squirrels

Dog sees bicycles, skateboards go by

Dog hears a crying infant

Dog is playing with 2-yr-old children

Dog is playing with 5-to-7-yr-old children

Dog is playing with 8-to-11-yr-old children

Dog is playing with 12-to-16-yr-old children

Is there anything else you'd like to tell me about your dog: