

Behavioral Questionnaire

Instructions: Please answer the questions that follow as thoroughly and honestly as possible. If there was a bite or other incident, ask anyone who was present for input. Examples of the type of information that is being sought are included after many questions. Once you have completed the questionnaire, please return it with a deposit as discussed.

Does your dog have any medical issues?

Is your dog on medication? If so, which one(s)? For what condition(s), and at what dosage?

When was the last time your dog had a veterinary exam?

When was the last time your dog was vaccinated?

When was the last time your dog had blood work done? What were the results?

Please provide a general description of the issue, including as much description and detail as possible. (continue on the back of the paper if needed)

When did this behavior start? (*When he was a puppy; a few months ago*)

Were there any changes in the home environment that corresponded with the change in your dog's behavior? (*My husband has been going on more business trips; we got a puppy; I injured my foot, so I haven't been able to walk the dog*)

Please provide the following information for the most recent incident, and for each incident that has occurred:

1. When did the incident occur? (*last night; a few weeks ago*)
2. Where did the incident occur? (*kitchen; the couch; on a walk*)
3. Who was present? (*just me; my two-year-old son was with me*)
4. Were other animals present? (*our other dog was there too*)
5. What preceded the incident? (*someone approached his food bowl; a visitor walked in the front door*)
6. Did the dog give any warning signals? (*He growled; he barked; he froze and his body became tense; he stared*)
7. Had the dog been feeling well prior to the incident? (*She'd had an ear infection for the last few days*)
8. If there was a bite:
 - What was the location of the bite? (*other dog's ear; my forearm*)

- Did it cause bruising? (*yes; two small bruises and inch apart*)

- Did it break the skin? If so:
 - Was it a tear or a puncture wound? Was there blood?
 - If a puncture wound, how many holes were there?
 - Would you describe the wounds as shallow (less than ¼" deep) Or deep (1/4" deep or more)?

- Was there one bite, multiple bites, or a "grab-and-shake"?

- Was veterinary or medical attention sought?

9. How did the incident end? (*our dog backed away; I jumped in and pulled the dogs away from each other*)

10. What happened right after the incident? (*I put my dog out in the yard; she lay down and looked contrite; I was angry and hit him*)

11. Was the incident reported to the authorities? Was legal action taken against you? (*the other dog's owner reported it to animal control; no and no*)

12. Which of the following best describes your feelings about your dog's behavior?

- a. The problem is not that serious, but I am curious about what you would suggest.
- b. The problem is serious and I would like to change it, but if it remains unchanged we will live with it.
- c. The problem is very serious and I would like to change it; if it remains unchanged I will give him/her up or have him/her euthanized.

13. Is there anything else you feel I should know?