



## DOG QUESTIONNAIRE

Welcome to SABS. Our aim is to help you understand why your dog is behaving the way it is and help your dog be the best dog it can be.

In order to do this before your consultation we need as much information about you, your dog as well as your dog's environment as possible in order to give you the best advice.

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible and bring the completed form with you at the time of your appointment. If you need more space please attach this information to the questionnaire.

If you have a telephone or zoom consultation scheduled, please either mail or email the completed form to us. We will also send you a dropbox link for uploading videos of your pet.

We will go through the questionnaire during the consultation to make sure we fully understand your answers and situation.

If you have specific questions you would like answered please bring these to your consultation

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male / Female Desexed? Yes / No

Who referred you? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your regular Veterinarian?

Dr: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DOG'S BACKGROUND**

Where did you get this dog?

- Friend
- Stray
- Pet Store (which one)
- Internet
- Shelter (which one?)
- Breeder (Kennel name?)

Has this dog had other owners? · Yes      · No  
If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was the dog given up?

Have you owned dogs before?      · Yes      · No

What happened to your last dog?

Why did you choose this particular breed?

Why did you decide to acquire a dog?

How old was this dog when you acquired him? \_\_\_\_\_

If known:      How many littermates?  
                 Males: \_\_\_\_\_ Females: \_\_\_\_\_

How many animals did you have to choose from?

Why did you choose this dog over the others? (please be specific and tell us who chose the pet and why):

Was a temperament test performed?      · Yes      · No      · Unsure  
Result:

Describe your dog's behaviour as a puppy:

Do you have any news about littermate behaviour? (Please describe)

Did you meet your dog's parents?

Mother:       · Yes               · No

Father:       · Yes               · No

If Yes, please describe their behaviour:

## **HOME ENVIRONMENT**

Please list the people, including yourself, living in your household:

*Please mark with an asterisk (\*) all who will be attending the consultation including yourself, and note any other people that may be coming with you (eg friend, trainer, etc.)*

NAME	Relationship	OCCUPATION	HRS AWAY FROM HOME	AGE

Please list anyone else who has regular contact with the dog:

Please list all of the animals, **including the one you are bringing in to see us**, in your household.

Name	Species	Breed	Sex/Desexed	Age Obtained	Age Now

In what sequence were the animals in your household obtained (please number them in the table above)

What is your dog's relationship to the other animals? (eg. friendly, hostile, fearful)

What type of area do you live in?

- City/Town
- Suburbs
- Rural

What type of house do you live in?

- Apartment – studio or 1 bedroom
- Townhouse/Duplex/Attached house
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Apartment – 2+ bedrooms
- House – Single Family

Have you moved since acquiring your dog?      · Yes      · No

If Yes, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

How long since the last move?

Has your household (people or animals) changed since acquiring your dog?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please describe:

## **MEDICAL HISTORY**

At what age was your pet neutered/speyed?

Why was this done?

Were there any behaviour changes after neutering? (please describe)

Has your dog ever been bred?      · Yes      · No

Are you planning to breed?      · Yes      · No      · Unsure

If you have an entire female, when was her last heat?

Does your dog have any existing medical problems (eg. Skin disease, gastrointestinal problems etc)?

Is your dog on any medication **now** for any medical problems? (ie cortisone, anti-biotics.)

If Yes, please list all medications including dose and frequency, what they are for, and expected completion date:

Has your dog been on any medication **in the past** for any medical problem?

If Yes, please list all medications, what they were for, and when your dog was last dosed:

Is your dog on any medication such as heartworm preventatives, flea preventatives? (i.e. Heartgard, Revolution, Frontline, Advantage, Proheart Injection)

· Yes            · No

If Yes, please list all medications including dose and frequency

Is your dog on any medication **now** for its behavioural problem? (including herbal treatments such as Rescue Remedy, St John's Wort etc)

· Yes            · No

If Yes, please list all medications including dose and frequency:

What response has there been to each medication?

**PRESENTING PROBLEM(S)** (Please give as much detail as possible)

Why are you seeking help/advice? What has prompted your visit?

What is the main behaviour problem or complaint?

1.

Why is the behaviour a problem?

Does your dog have any other problem behaviours (please list)

2.

3.

4.

Why are these behaviours a problem?

How frequently does the problem (or problems) occur? (i.e. how many times daily, weekly or monthly):

Problem 1.	_____	Frequency:	_____
Problem 2.	_____	Frequency:	_____
Problem 3.	_____	Frequency:	_____
Problem 4.	_____	Frequency:	_____

Please describe how the problem developed over time (chronology):

When did you first notice the main problem?

When did it become a serious concern?

Why?

In what general circumstances does the dog misbehave?

Has this problem changed in frequency? (please describe)

Has this problem changed in intensity? (please describe)

Has this problem otherwise changed?

How?

Did the secondary problems develop at the same time?

To help us better understand your dog's problem, please describe what occurs when the episodes happen. Try to include as much detail as possible i.e. where it took place, time of day, who was present, what happened etc.

1. Most recent incident:                      Date:

2. Second to last incident: Date:

3. Third to last incident: Date:

4. What was the first incident:Date:

Any other significant incidents:

What have you done to try to correct the problem so far? How successful have these measures been?

How do you discipline your dog for this or any other problem?

What are your goals for treatment?

Do you leave your dog inside the house when you go out? · Yes · No



If Yes, where is your dog when he is alone in the house?

Where is your dog when you have guests?

Why?

How does your dog behave when you are leaving the house?

How does your dog behave when you return?

Does the dog's level of excitement reflect your length of absence? (i.e. is he more excited the longer you are gone?)

How does your dog behave during thunderstorms?

How does your dog behave during fireworks?

Does your dog react to other noises, if so which ones and how?

How does your dog behave with familiar visitors (eg friendly, wary, timid, aggressive)?

How does your dog behave with unfamiliar visitors (children or adults) (eg friendly, wary, timid, aggressive)?

### **WHICH OF THESE STATEMENTS APPLY TO YOU:**

1. I am here only out of curiosity – the problem is not serious
2. I would like to change the problem, but it is not serious
3. The problem is serious and I would like to change it, but if it remains unchanged that is alright
4. The problem is very serious and I would like to change it, but if it remains unchanged I will keep my dog.
5. The problem is very serious and I would like to change it. If it remains unchanged I will have my dog euthanased or have to give him/her up

### **ANY OTHER COMMENTS?**

Please note any other information that you feel may be relevant to this problem.

## TRAINING

What basic training has your dog had?

- No Training
- Puppy Class                      where? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Trained at Home
- Started Obedience classes but did not finish
- Graduated one class at Obedience
- Graduated 2 or more levels at obedience
- Private trainer                      name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Boarded for Training              where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How old was the dog when obedience training started?

Did you find it helpful? Why or Why not?

Who in the family is the primary trainer?

How did your dog behave at training?

What sort of collar do you use?

- Flat                      · Choker Chain                      · Head Collar (eg Halti, Gentle Leader)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog have any awards or titles? (please describe)

Has your dog had any hunting, herding, protection, attack or Schutzhund training?

How would you rate your dog's responses to each of the following?

Good (G), Fair (F) or Poor (P)

Family Member	SIT	DOWN	STAY	COME	HEEL (don't pull)

Does your dog know any tricks? (please describe)

Do you play with your dog? · Yes · No

How?

What sort of toys does your dog have?

What is his favourite toy?

Can your dog 'Fetch'?

Have you exhibited your dog in breed shows?

Does your dog jump up on you without permission?

Does your dog jump on other people without permission?

Does your dog paw at you?

Does your dog paw at other people?

Does your dog lick you?

Does your dog groom, lick or bite himself excessively?

Does your dog mount people?

If yes, whom does he/she mount?

Does your dog mount other dogs?

Does your dog mount other animals or objects?

If yes, please describe:

Does your dog ever bark at you?

When does he bark at you?

Does your dog bark at other times? (please describe)

What is your dog's activity level in general?

· Low · Average · High · Excessive

# **AGGRESSION SCREEN**

**\*\*PLEASE SKIP THIS SECTION IF AGGRESSION IS NOT A PROBLEM\*\***

Has your dog bitten other dogs?                      · Yes                      · No

Has your dog bitten other animals?                      · Yes                      · No

Has your dog bitten adults?                      · Yes                      · No

Has your dog bitten children?                      · Yes                      · No

Has your dog bitten and broken skin?                      · Yes                      · No

Number of bites that have broken the skin?                      \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of bites (that did or did not break the skin)                      \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of episodes of aggression (growling, snapping, biting) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe a typical episode: (eg does the dog growl, lunge or bite, and in what circumstances)

If the dog is placed in the above situation 10 times, how many of those times is aggression seen? (eg all = 100%, just one=10%)

What parts of the body has the dog bitten and how severe were the injuries?

Who is/are the targets of the aggression?

Did your dog bite as a puppy?                      · Yes                      · No

If yes, please describe, including at what age:

How old was your dog the first time he barked at a person?

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog the first time he barked at another animal/dog?

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog the first time he growled at a person?

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog when he first growled at another dog/animal?

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog when he first snapped or bit at a person?

What was the circumstance?

How old was your dog when he first snapped at or bit at another animal/dog?

What was the circumstance?

Please answer Yes or No to these characteristics of your dog's aggressive behaviour:

Attacks seem sudden and surprising	· Yes	· No
Episodes appear unprovoked	· Yes	· No
The dog is abruptly docile after an episode	· Yes	· No
The dog appears 'sorry' afterwards	· Yes	· No
The dog appears disoriented afterwards	· Yes	· No
Episodes are associated with a 'glazed' or 'absent' look	· Yes	· No
I can usually tell what will set my dog off	· Yes	· No
The aggressive behaviour is new and uncharacteristic	· Yes	· No

## DIET AND FEEDING

Who feeds the dog?

Where do you feed the dog?

What do you feed your dog? (Please be specific, eg Brand name)

How much do you feed? (Please be specific)

Meal times \_\_\_\_\_am\_\_\_\_\_pm

Does your dog eat all his food at once? · Yes · No

If not, how long do you leave it down? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the dog when ***you*** eat?

What is your dog's favorite food treat?

Do you feed your dog table scraps? · Yes · No

If yes, do you feed scraps from the table? · Yes · No

How would you describe your relationship with your dog?

Do you have any physical ailment(s) that influences your ability to interact with your dog?

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Please describe your dog's daily exercise, including the amount of time of each:

1. Leash Walks \_\_\_\_\_
2. Supervised offleash walks \_\_\_\_\_
3. unsupervised free roaming \_\_\_\_\_
4. Loose in the Yard \_\_\_\_\_
5. Playing outdoors \_\_\_\_\_
6. Playing indoors \_\_\_\_\_
7. Other: (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Active time each day (on average):

·0 min                      ·15 min                      ·30 min                      ·1hour                      ·More than 1 hr

What percentage of time does your dog spend indoors or outdoors?

% indoors \_\_\_\_\_ % outdoors \_\_\_\_\_

Where does your dog sleep at night?

(please be specific, ie outside, inside, in your bedroom etc)

Is your dog housetrained?                      · Yes                      · No

How did you houstrain your dog?

Does your dog ever eliminate in the house?                      · Yes                      · No

If yes, does he:

· Urinate                      · Defaecate                      · Both

Where?

How often does your dog eliminate in the house?



Please describe a typical 24 hour day in your dog's life: i.e. time he gets up, time fed etc.

Midnight

1am

2am

3am

4am

5am

6am

7am

8am

9am

10am

11am

12noon

1pm

2pm

3pm

4pm

5pm

6pm

7pm

8pm

9pm

10pm

11pm

## PERSONALITY SCREEN

Please rate your dog's personality using the Monash Canine Personality Questionnaire. Please rate how well each word describes your dog's personality by marking the appropriate box.

**1 = really does not describe my dog, 6 = really describes my dog**

	Really does not describe my dog					Really describes my dog
friendly	1	2	3	4	5	6
persevering	1	2	3	4	5	6
nervous	1	2	3	4	5	6
energetic	1	2	3	4	5	6
attentive	1	2	3	4	5	6
easy going	1	2	3	4	5	6
independent	1	2	3	4	5	6
trainable	1	2	3	4	5	6
non- aggressive	1	2	3	4	5	6
hyperactive	1	2	3	4	5	6
submissive	1	2	3	4	5	6
determined	1	2	3	4	5	6
relaxed	1	2	3	4	5	6
tenacious	1	2	3	4	5	6
timid	1	2	3	4	5	6
biddable	1	2	3	4	5	6
active	1	2	3	4	5	6
intelligent	1	2	3	4	5	6
sociable	1	2	3	4	5	6
restless	1	2	3	4	5	6
fearful	1	2	3	4	5	6
obedient	1	2	3	4	5	6
lively	1	2	3	4	5	6
reliable	1	2	3	4	5	6
assertive	1	2	3	4	5	6
excitable	1	2	3	4	5	6

Please complete the tables below indicating how your dog would react when faced with each scenario. If your dog does not encounter any of the scenarios (i.e. you

have never tried taking a toy from him/her) you should just tick Not Applicable – **DO NOT TEST YOUR DOG** if you are unsure.

### **AGGRESSION SCREEN - PART 1**

How does your dog react to YOU when you do the following? **DO NOT TEST YOUR DOG**

	Bark	Growl	Snarl/ Teeth	Snap/ Bite	No reaction	Never done
1. Pat Dog						
2. Hug Dog						
3. Kiss Dog						
4. Lift Dog						
5. Call Off Furniture						
6. Push/Pull Off Furniture						
7. Approach On Furniture						
8. Disturb whilst resting/sleeping						
9. Approach whilst eating						
10. Touch whilst eating						
11. Take dog food away						
12. Take human food away						
13. Take water dish away						
14. Take rawhide/pigs ear						
15. Take dog biscuit						
16. Take real bone						
17. Approach when dog has a toy/bone						
18. Verbally punish						
19. Physically punish						
20. Visual threat						
21. Speak to dog (normal tone)						
22. Stare at dog						
23. Bend over dog						
24. Push on shoulder or back						
25. Approach dog near spouse						
26. Approach dog near children						
27. Enter room						
28. Leave room						
29. Reach towards dog						
30. Leash restraint						
31. Collar restraint						

32. Scruff restraint						
33. Put leash on/take off						
34. Put collar on/take off						
35. Bathe dog						
36. Towel dog						
37. Groom/brush dog						
38. Trim nails						
39. Leash/collar correction						
40. Response to 'Sit'						
41. Response to 'Down'						

## **AGGRESION SCREEN – PART 2**

How does your dog react if a STRANGER did the following? **DO NOT TEST YOUR DOG**

	Bark	Growl	Snarl/ Teeth	Snap/ Bite	No reaction	Never done
1. Pat Dog						
2. Hug Dog						
3. Kiss Dog						
4. Lift Dog						
5. Call Off Furniture						
6. Push/Pull Off Furniture						
7. Approach On Furniture						
8. Disturb whilst resting/sleeping						
9. Approach whilst eating						
10. Touch whilst eating						
11. Take dog food away						
12. Take human food away						
13. Take water dish away						
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36. Towel dog						
37. Groom/brush dog						
38. Trim nails						
39. Leash/collar correction						
40. Response to 'Sit'						
41. Response to 'Down'						

### **AGGRESSION SCREEN – PART 3**

How does your dog react to the following? **DO NOT TEST YOUR DOG**

	Bark	Growl	Snarl/ Teeth	Snap/ Bite	No reaction	Never done
1. At the groomers						
2. At the vet clinic						
3. Unfamiliar adult enters house/yard						
4. Unfamiliar child enters house/yard						
5. Familiar adult enters house/yard						
6. Familiar child enters house/yard						
7. Response to toddlers/babies						
8. In the car at toll booth/petrol stations						
9. Unfamiliar adult approaches when dog on leash						
10. Unfamiliar child approaches when dog on leash						
11. Dog in house, sees people outside						

12. Your dog's response to <i>off leash</i> dogs when walking your dog on leash						
13. Your dog's response to <i>on leash</i> dogs when walking your dog on leash						
14. Your dog's response to <i>off leash</i> dogs when your dog off leash						
15. Your dog's response to <i>on leash</i> dogs when your dog off leash						