



At **BBVS** our aim is to help you understand why your pet is exhibiting a certain behaviour and to address the problem using humane and scientifically proven treatment methods.

There is *always* a 'reason' for behaviour even if it is not necessarily obvious to us or appears maladaptive for the animal.

Therefore the best treatment for unwanted behaviour requires working out the 'reason' and the underlying emotion involved; by working on these we can ultimately affect how an animal responds in a given situation.

How an animal behaves is influenced by its genetics, early life experiences and current living environment. These components interact in a way that is unique to that particular animal. Because of this complexity, understanding the *cause* of a problem can require some 'detective work'.

To assist us with this we require that you **complete and return this questionnaire at least ONE week prior to your consultation.**

We also ask that you send, or get your regular veterinarian to directly send, a **copy of your pets' medical history.** Ideally this will include a recent (within 2 months) physical examination and blood/urine test results.

***If blood/urinalysis results are not available prior to the consultation and medications are prescribed, we will advise you return to your regular veterinarian for the tests which may delay treatment**.*

Please answer as comprehensively as possible. Completing this questionnaire should ideally involve all of the pets caregivers (interestingly we often see that family members can have a very different perception of what is happening!).

If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire please do not hesitate to contact us either by email or phone.

We look forward to working with you.

Kind regards;

Dr Emma

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Dog Questionnaire

Patients name:

Date:

OWNER DETAILS:

Title:

Surname:

First name:

Address:

Phone number/s:

Email:

Who is your regular veterinarian?

Contact details:

Who is your trainer/obedience club (if applicable)?

Are you currently attending? Y N

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What is the best way to contact you?

- Home phone
Mobile
Email
Other

PET DETAILS:

Breed:

Has DNA testing been performed on this dog? Yes No

Colour:

Age:

Weight:

Sex:

Desexed: Yes No

If Y – at what age was the surgery performed?

DOG'S BACKGROUND:

Where did you get this dog?

Breeder – If yes, which one?

Rescue – If yes, which one?

- Gumtree/newspaper advertisement
Friend
Pet store
Pound
Other

Why did you decide to acquire a dog?

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Why did you choose this particular breed?

Why did you chose this particular dog?

How old was this dog when you acquired her/ him?

Was a temperament test performed? Yes No Unsure
Result (if applicable):

Do you have any information about littermate behaviour? (If yes please describe)

Did you meet your dog's parents?

Mother: Yes No Father: Yes No

If Y please describe their behaviour:

Please describe your dog's personality as a puppy (e.g. happy; confident; timid):

Did this change over time and if so how?

Has this dog had previous owners? Yes No

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If Y how many?

Why was the dog given up?

HOME ENVIRONMENT:

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

Name	Relationship to owner	Occupation	Hours away from home/day	Age
	SELF			

Who else has regular contact with the dog? E.g. Dog-walker, extended family, neighbours.

Please list ALL of the animals in your household:

	Name	Species E.g. dog, cat, bird.	Breed	Male/Female	Desexed Y or N	Age
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						

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In what order were the animals obtained? E.g. 2, 1, 4, 3...

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

Please describe:

How would you describe **your** relationship with your dog?

Do other human members of your family have a similar relationship to the dog?

Please describe:

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

What type of area do you live in?

Rural Suburbs Town Other

What type of house do you live in?

Have you moved since acquiring your dog? Yes No

If Y how many times?

How long since the last move?

How did your dog respond to the move?

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

Yes No

If Y please describe:

Have you owned dogs before? Yes No

If Y please specify:

Have you owned other pets before? Yes No

If Y please specify:

What happened to them?

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MEDICAL HISTORY:

What medical problems has your dog had? Please list all and dates if known:

Is your dog on any medication **now** for any medical problems? Yes No

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

Is your dog on parasite control? Yes No
If Y- what type?

Is your dog on any medications now for behavioural problems? Yes No

If Y please list all medications including dose and frequency, what they are for:

Are you giving your dog any herbal treatments/supplements (Rescue Remedy, St John's Wort etc.) Yes No

If Y please list all medications including dose and frequency, what they are for:

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What is your dog's favorite treat?

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Please describe your dog's daily routine:

Midnight

1am

2am

3am

4am

5am

6am

7am

8am

9am

10am

11am

12pm

1pm

2pm

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3pm

4pm

5pm

6pm

7pm

8pm

9pm

10pm

11pm

Midnight

Please describe your dog's daily exercise regime:

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Total active time each day (average)?

0 mins 15 mins 30 mins 45 mins 60 mins +

What percentage of time does your dog spend on its own (on a typical day/week)?

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

% indoors

% outdoors

Does your dog have access to the outside at any stage? (dog-flap or other)

Where does your dog sleep at night?

On a typical day, how many hours is your dog sleeping or resting?

Do you leave your dog alone in the house when you go out? Yes No

If Y where is your dog when he / she is alone in the house?

Where is your dog when you have guests?

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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? (Are they more excited the longer you are gone?)

How does your dog behave during thunderstorms?

Does your dog react to other noises?

How does your dog behave when travelling in the car?

Does your dog go into a boarding kennel when you are away? If so, how does it react?

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How does your dog behave with **familiar** visitors (Adults, kids, other dogs)?

How does your dog behave with **unfamiliar** visitors (Adults, kids, other dogs)?

TRAINING:

What basic training has your dog had?

- No training
- Puppy classes

Who was the trainer?

How many people ran the class?

What qualifications did the puppy class trainer have (if known):

How many puppies in the class?

Was there off lead play, if so how much?

How old was your puppy when it attended classes?

- Trained at home
- Obedience class
- Private trainer
- Other

Name:

Name:

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Who in the family is the primary trainer?

How did/does your dog behave at training?

What sort of collar / training aid do you use? (E.g. flat collar, head collar, check chain)

Has your dog ever attended agility, herding or nose work classes? Yes No

If Y – what type?

How did your dog respond to the classes?

How would you rate your dog's responses to each of the following cues when asked?
Good (G), Fair (F) or Poor (P)

SIT

STAY

DROP

HEEL (Not pull)

COME

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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/ her favorite toy?

Can your dog 'Fetch'?

Does your dog jump up on you without permission? Yes No

Does your dog jump on other people without permission? Yes No

Does your dog paw at you? Yes No

Does your dog paw at other people? Yes No

Does your dog lick you? Yes No

Does your dog groom, lick or bite himself excessively? Yes No

Does your dog mount people? Yes No

If Y whom does he/she mount?

Does your dog mount other dogs? Yes No

Does your dog mount other animals or objects? Yes No

If Y please describe:

Does your dog ever bark at you? Yes No

If Y, when does it happen?

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Does your dog bark at other times? Yes No

If Y, when?

What is your dog's general activity level?

Low Average High Excessive

Any other comments?

PRESENTING PROBLEM(S):

Why are you seeking help/advice?

What has prompted your visit?

What is the main behaviour problem or complaint?

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Why is the behaviour a problem?

When did you first notice it?

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

Has this problem changed in frequency? Yes No
If Y please describe?

Has this problem changed in intensity? Yes No
If Y please describe?

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Does your dog have any other problem behaviours?

Please describe in detail the last few times the (main) problem has occurred.
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:

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Any other significant incidents:

What have you done to try to correct the problem/s so far?

How successful has this been?

How do you (and other members of the family) discipline your dog for this or any other problem?

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What are your goals for treatment?

WHICH OF THESE STATEMENTS APPLY TO YOU:

I am here only out of curiosity; the problem is not serious;

I would like to change the problem, but it is not serious;

The problem is serious. I would like to change it, but if it remains unchanged that is alright;

The problem is very serious and I would like to change it, but if it remains unchanged I will keep my dog;

The problem is very serious and I would like to change it. If it remains unchanged I will have my dog euthanized or have to give him/her up.

Owner signature:

Date:

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