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PLEASE READ WHAT TO BRING, TRAINING EQUIPMENT, WHEN TO  
FEED DOG BEFORE YOUR CLASS at end of this document**

You must read & follow those attendance guidelines on the last few pages, as well as complete this entire multi-page questionnaire, for private sessions or to be accepted into our Detouring Doggie Delinquents workshops or Growl Classes.

Questions cover everything from mild nervousness to more serious issues. Thorough answers enable us to help you & your dog as much and as quickly as possible.

We appreciate the time & effort you put into completing this long list of questions, and we will put the same time & effort into studying your answers.

It is important that all questions be answered, even though some questions are repetitive, because you may recall more information as you go along. Extensive answers may go on a separate page or piece of paper.

**Circle, mark or underline answers** where multiple choices are provided, or delete wrong choices and just leave the correct answers. Changing the color is not sufficient since we usually print out your answers in gray-scale.

**Do NOT answer “NA” for any questions.** “Yes,” “No,” or as many details as are available are better answers so we may best help you & your dog.

Driving directions [Driving directions | Best Paw Forward Inc.](#)

Use our driving directions, avoiding any route that sends you on Boy Scout Camp Road (soft tire-sucking sugar sand). We do not have an off-road vehicle to rescue your car & it's a long hike to walk out 2 miles to meet us if you get stuck there.

**Detouring Doggie Delinquents:  
Preventing & Managing Aggressive or Nervous Displays  
Behavioral History & Information Form**

For. workshops or private classes with dogs with social issues

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Cell 407-415-6601, 407-321-1006 home/office

P.J. Lacette has been training dogs for more than 40 years and specializes in counseling behavior problems and social issues. Her extensive background in changing problems behavior with a gentle

approach has developed into special programs for dogs with social issues. Please check [www.bestpaw.com](http://www.bestpaw.com) or contact her directly about private work for problem pets.

Member: Association of Professional Dog Trainers (charter member 15), Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida

<b>Private Class Time, Date _____</b> <b>or Seminar/Workshop/Series Date _____</b>
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**Private classes** - at least one adult handler per dog. Families welcome but we recommend active participants are all adults & mature teen-agers. Children younger than 16 may attend DDD private sessions only with advance permission from instructor. They are not permitted in workshops or growl classes.



2 adult handlers included for each working dog spot in **seminars/workshops** (contact us about adding more adults living in same household). **Growl class series** may include several family/household members age 16 and older -- at least two adult handlers recommended if available.



Paying online for first two hours in advance required; no refund at that point because we start processing your detailed answers & planning your session for maximum benefit for you & your dog, and because we reserve extra time for DDD dogs for your comfort & safety. That \$260 advance payment also includes a latigo leather leash and custom head collar for easy control. Completion/submission of this form with payment, and with approval of the instructors, is a commitment to this time slot.



\$99 per hour for continuing private classes AFTER 2-hour session if you pay ahead  
Discounts for students who continue in our program. Occasional barter or work study options for these sessions if work or products provided in advance



Unable to attend at the last minute? You get credit toward approved Best Paw Forward Inc. group, private session or seminar starting in the next 60 days after payment or after original seminar date.

<b>Owner's/Handler's Name or Names – print below (all participating handlers)</b>
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<b>Address</b>
<b>City/State/Zip Code</b> <b>E-mail address</b>
<b>Telephone numbers</b> (at least two required, preferred number first, indicate cell if class/emergency texts accepted)

<b>Dog's Name</b> (primary dog of concern)		
<b>Breed/s</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Male or Female</b>

<b>Spayed/Neutered?</b> Yes    No	<b>Age when altered</b>	<b>Weight:</b>
<b>Date of Birth or Age:</b>		
<b>Veterinarian's Name and/or Clinic Name:</b>		
<b>List any other dogs in the house (include name, breed, sex, weight &amp; age)</b>		

<b>How did you learn about Best Paw Forward Inc.? Please include name if you recall and circle (or underline or highlight) one or more</b> (class credit given for referrals that join Best Paw Forward Inc. classes).		
<b>I am a former/current student</b>	<b>From a former/current student</b>	<b>Breeder</b>
<b>Veterinary hospital</b>	<b>On-Line</b>	<b>Other (please include details)</b>

Where did you get this dog? Breeder, rescue group, shelter, friend, pet store, newspaper, other (specify)

If a rescue, why was the dog originally given up?

If the dog came from a breeder, did the dog's sire & dam (& other known ancestors) have dog show, obedience, rally, agility, Schutzhund, field, tracking, herding, therapy dog, or any other titles?

If the dog came from a breeder, did you meet & pet the sire & dam?

How long has this dog lived with you?  
How old was the dog when you first got it?

Reason for getting this dog:

Describe a typical day in your dog's life.

What type of leash do you use to walk your dog? Nylon, extending (Flexi-Leash), leather, cotton, chain, no leash

What type of collar or harness do you use to walk your dog? snap or buckle collar, harness, anti-pull harness, head collar (Gentle Leader, Halti), choke collar, limited choke collar (martingale).

**Behavior Issue #1: What is your chief issue for consultation?**

How frequent is this behavior?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Other (specify)

How often does the behavior occur when the dog is in the specific situation (i.e. does the jumping dog jump on all people, some people, or only at certain times)?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Unpredictable

When did the behavior start?

Has the behavior intensified or increased in frequency since it started? If so, how & when?

Have you sought medical attention for this issue? When & what was the result?

Do littermates and/or housemates engage in this behavior?

What specifically has been done to correct or change the behavior?

Sometimes  
Seldom  
Unpredictable

**Behavior Issue #2: Name any other social issue that causes you concern.**

Has the behavior intensified or increased in frequency since it started? If so, how & when?

How frequent is this behavior?

Daily  
Weekly  
Monthly  
Other (specify)

Have you sought medical attention for this issue? When & what was the result?

Do littermates and/or housemates engage in this behavior?

How often does the behavior occur when the dog is in the specific situation (i.e. does the jumping dog jump on all people, some people, or only at certain times)

Always

What specifically has been done to correct or change the behavior?

## General Pet Information

Where at your home does your dog stay when you are at work, shopping or out for an evening?

Where is your dog when you are at home watching television or on the computer?

Where does the dog stay when you are at home?

Where is your dog when you are having dinner?

Longest period of time your dog spends alone?

Where does your dog sleep at night?

How many times a day does someone play games with the dog?

Does he sleep through the night or is he restless?

What games are played? How long is each play session?

Do you trust your dog loose indoors, unsupervised? If no, why not?

How many times a day do you engage the dog in a training session? How long is each session?

What methods were used to house-train your dog?

Does he ever have any house-training accidents? Does he "mark" in the house by urinating or defecating?

How many walks does your pet get each day? How far do you walk with the dog?

How does your dog tell you he needs to go outside or to an indoor potty area to urinate or defecate?

For eliminating:  
For exercise:

Does your dog growl, bark, whine, or snarl? If so, when?

How many people play with or train the dog each day? Who?

Have you ever used a dog crate for your dog? When & why or why not?

What kind of places do you like to go to with your dog?

If you use a crate, where is it kept?

Do you trust your dog outside unsupervised? If no, why not?

What type of indoor confinement do you have available if you are not using a crate?

If you have a fence, what type is it? wood, chain link, vinyl, wrought iron, electric collar, other (please specify)

Does your dog exhibit mounting behaviors (wrapping his front and sometimes rear legs around a dog, person, etc.)?

If so, does he mount other dogs, people, and/or inanimate objects? Please specify.

Has your dog received obedience or other training? Private or group class? Where?

If yes, for how long & what training methods, training collars were used?

What commands does your dog know?

Does this dog go to the dog park, dog events, dog shows or dog performance events such as agility or obedience trials, Schutzhund trials etc.?

## Household Information

What types of animals has your dog visited/played with?

What other types of animals besides dogs have lived with your dog? (Please include sex, species, spayed/neutered, etc.)

How did they get along?

Does your dog act aggressive or timid with other dogs?

Does your dog act aggressive or timid with other animals?

Does your dog: ignore, play with, or exhibit bossy behavior with other pets?

Does your dog spend time unsupervised with these pets?

When is your dog not good with other animals?

What are your dog's shining qualities?

How would you describe your dog's personality?

Does your dog travel well in the car?

List 5 things that your dog loves to eat.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

List 5 activities that your dog loves.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What daily exercise does your dog get?

What is your occupation? How does it affect your dog's schedule?

Where does your dog stay when you go on vacation?

How often do you & how does your dog act when you:

Bathe your dog?

Trim nails?

Take him to a groomer?

## Feeding/Chew Toys

What **type** (dry, canned, home-cooked or home-prepared, raw) and **brand** of dog food do you feed your dog?

How many measuring cups per meal and meals per day?

What time is your dog fed?

How long is the food bowl left out while it contains food?

Have you ever petted or approached your dog while your pet is eating? If yes, what is the response?

Can you safely remove the food bowl from the dog when he is eating? If not, what is your dog's reaction?

Can you safely put your hand in your dog's dish while he is eating? If not, what is your dog's reaction?

Can you take trash or food out of your dog's mouth if he has something you don't want him to have? If you cannot, what is his reaction?

Can anyone else safely do this? Who?

How do you retrieve objects/toys that your dog has in his mouth?

Are there any toys/objects your dog will not give up to you without showing signs of displeasure?

## Health

List any known medical conditions (including allergies, hip dysplasia, low thyroid or other breed-specific issues), injuries or current physical limits:

Does your dog have a current rabies vaccination?

Which other vaccinations has your dog had within the last year?

If vaccinations are not done on a standard schedule, have titer checks been done? (Titers are a way to monitor antibodies to see if optional vaccines are needed.)

Is your dog receiving any form of flea control? What kind? How often?

Is your dog on heartworm preventative? What kind?

Is your dog taking any medications or has he recently been on any? Which ones?

Does he seem uncomfortable if anyone touches his rear, ears or any other area of his body?

Have your dog's sleeping or eating habits changed?

## Dog/People Social Skills

What is your dog's reaction to visitors at the door?

Does he react to doorbells (or doorbells on TV)? If so, how?

How long does it take him to calm down when someone comes to the house?

Does your dog mouth anyone or anything?

Is he better or worse with particular people or children?

Has your dog done anything for which you have had to physically discipline him?

Does he chase: adults kids squirrels cats  
bicycles other?

Is your dog protective of his: food, home, yard, family, bed, car, toys? If yes, how does he exhibit this?

How does your dog react while on leash around?

People

Dogs

Other animals (squirrels, cats, livestock)

How does your dog react while off leash around?

People

Dogs

Other animals (squirrels, cats, livestock)

Are there any parts of your dog's body he does not like having touched?

Are there any activities your dog will not allow you to perform (nail cutting, grooming,

examinations) without showing signs of displeasure?

How does your dog show/tell you he doesn't like any of these activities (i.e. moves away, runs away, bares teeth, snarls, growls, snaps, bites)? Please be as specific as possible.

How does your dog greet visitors to your home?

How does your dog greet strangers away from home, on a walk or at the veterinary office?

Has the dog ever bitten you? Or other family/household members?

How many times has your dog nipped or snapped at neighbors, visitors or other people? Include details (circumstances, severity) of any nips or snaps.

How many times has your dog bitten hard enough to draw blood from people? Include details & circumstance of each bite that caused a mark but did not require medical attention.

Has he ever caused an injury to a person that required medical attention? Include details (circumstances, severity) of all bites.

Do you, the groomer, or the veterinary staff need to use a muzzle to groom or handle your dog?

## Children

Has your dog lived with children? What ages?

Has your dog visited with children? What ages?

Is there a time when your dog is not good with children?

Does your dog like small children? If yes, how many small children has he met? Under what circumstances?

Has he ever had a bad experience with a small child?

With children he is: playful friendly tolerant  
afraid shy rough not around children?

Any comments about your dog with children?

## **Dog/Animal Social Skills**

When passing or meeting other dogs, does your dog have any issues while leashed?

Has he ever caused an injury to an animal that required medical attention? If yes, on a separate page, please briefly provide details of each incident and the animal on which it occurred.

Has your dog ever had a significant fight with another dog? If yes, please briefly describe.

Has your dog bitten and drawn blood on another dog or animal? If yes, on a separate page, please briefly provide details of each incident and the animal on which it occurred.

Has your dog ever killed a cat or any other animal? If yes, please briefly describe the circumstances if you can.

How many times has your dog drawn blood from other animals?

Was he ever attacked by or injured by another dog? If yes, please briefly describe.

## **Please closely read & keep a copy of the following guidelines to prepare for your training program or private class.**

- **Withhold food for 24 hours before 1<sup>st</sup> & possibly more sessions**
- May have all the water he likes
- Bring at 3-4 types of human-grade whole-food items for treats: boneless chicken, hot dogs, ground beef, lunch meat, cheese. (Your dog will not beg because of the value of those goodies. If he has begged in the past, it was because it worked for him before starting training with us. 😊)

Those soft items can easily be broken into small bits during your training session, and hold the dog's attention through yummy factor and variety.

- No commercial dog treats for a first session unless you get advance approval from your instructor – dog should be very excited about new yummys, food he does not usually get at home

- Bring (or email in advance to [bestpaw@bestpaw.com](mailto:bestpaw@bestpaw.com)) vaccine or titer records on concerning rabies, distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza, parvovirus, rabies, Leptospira.



Bordetella, canine influenza recommended. Contact us for any special health circumstances.

- Dog on restricted diet? Cook main protein source in his food for extra delicious treats which may be mixed with some of his dog food (chicken-based diet, for instance, bring boneless chicken breast)

- Medical condition that requires regular meals or on medication that requires administering with food? Cut amount of food down to miniscule portions (a tablespoon of food may be all that is needed when administering medicine doses) the day before his class. Free feeding your dog (leaving food down all the time) is not recommended for health and behavioral reasons, especially for dogs with social issues.

- Easy-to-use treat bag or carpenter apron extremely useful. Treats need to go directly into treat bag or apron, not separated into small plastic bags, so a washable bag works

## EQUIPMENT

- Physical, gentle control required:

- Gentle Leader** (preferably with a buckle-type fastener if you can find one) or **Snoot Loop**

- Leather leash** of appropriate weight (5/8" wide for most medium to large dogs) are recommended.

Leather leashes available for purchase here at Best Paw Forward Inc. You are not required to purchase your leash here but our prices are very competitive. (Wider leashes can be hard to handle. Nylon leashes not permitted).

### **ABSOLUTELY NO HARNESSES PERMITTED**

Smaller dogs that require other equipment, such as breeds with short muzzles, or dogs with good people skills attending private classes, may sometimes attend on very **snug-fitting nylon limited slip collars or nylon slip collars, or even snug buckle or snap collars** if the owner can safely hold on no matter how hard the dog pulls on leash. Buckle collars are a much better choice to hold a DDD dog than a less-sturdy snap collar. Call or text 407-415-6601 to discuss any exceptions.

**In order to become acclimated the dog must, if possible, get used to wearing the Gentle Leader head collar for at least 1 week prior to a class, seminar or series.** Some advance work on getting the dog used to a head collar will make your training experience much more pleasant. We have a hand-out on our webpage, or we are glad to email you a copy to help you and your dog with the process.

We will show you how to fit the Gentle Leader properly. Make sure his current collar is very tight at the top of his neck just below his ears so that it cannot come off unexpectedly if he backs up.

Prong & electronic collars are prohibited, particularly for nervous, shy and aggressive dogs. If you do not have access to the recommended equipment or if you are unsure about how to use it effectively, we can help you find and use the best, kindest collars to help control your dog physically without a prong collar.

## **Release and Waive Liability, Indemnify and Assumption of Risk and Hold Harmless**

I hereby waive and release Best Paw Forward Inc., its employees, officers, members and agents from any and all liability of any nature, for injury or damage which I or my dog may suffer from the action of any dog including my own. I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury while attending any training sessions, or any other function, or while on the Best Paw Forward Inc. training grounds or in the surrounding area.

I understand that I may be excused from the training event(s) by P.J. Lacette, Best Paw Forward Inc., and its agents for any reason, including, but not limited to: failure to follow the event or training grounds and facility rules, consistent unsafe handling, not following direction, the use of profanity, disorderly conduct, animal or people abuse or disrespect, extreme aggression or an uncontrollable dog. I understand that there is *no refund is available once a time slot has been committed, or when I or anyone with me receives the class or seminar materials.*

I understand that classes, seminars, training sessions and other events may be photographed and recorded for educational and promotional use, and grant my permission for any resulting photographs or video of my animal, myself and anyone attending with me or for me to be used for advertising or educational material, understanding that the resulting photographs or videos are the sole property of P.J. Lacette and Best Paw Forward Inc. I hereby apply for enrollment in this training event understanding that this is a condition of enrollment.

I understand that attendance in a dog training event(s) is not without risk and hazards to myself, members of my family, guests who may attend, my dog, other participants and other dogs. I understand that the risks, hazards and potential dangers include, without limitations, risk of physical injury, mental injury, emotional distress, trauma, death and contact with other participants and dogs. I acknowledge that I am voluntarily applying to participate in dog training events and I am not relying on P.J. Lacette or Best Paw Forward Inc. to prevent such occurrences.

I assume sole risk and sole financial responsibility of all occurrences and hereby waive any and all claims I, my guardians, representatives or assigns may have and release P.J. Lacette, Best Paw Forward Inc. and its agents from any and all liability of any nature for myself, my dog, and children in my charge.

I am solely responsible for injury and damage which I, my dog, my family and my guests may suffer or cause, including specifically, but not without limitation, any injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog, and I expressly assume ALL risk and financial responsibility of any such damage or injury caused directly or indirectly while attending any training event or function, or while on the training grounds or surrounding area.

In consideration of and inducement to the acceptance of my application for training in this event(s), I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless P.J. Lacette, Best Paw Forward Inc. and its agents from any claims, or claims by any member of my family and other person accompanying me to any training session or function of the

training event(s) or while on the grounds or surrounding area thereto as a result of any action by any dog, including my own, or any person.

By signing below, I hereby state that I have fully read, understand and agree to the above terms and conditions of my own free will in consideration for ALL services provided by P.J. Lacette, Best Paw Forward Inc. and its agents. I understand that any legal expenses incurred in defense or enforcement of this contract are my sole responsibility. Any dispute of the stipulations of this contract will be settled by mediation in Volusia County, Florida.

My computer-generated and dated signature constitutes my legal signature. Parent/legal guardian must sign for instructor-approved minors – advance permission required for underage participants

\_\_\_\_\_ **Printed Names**

**Signatures of all attending adults      Date**

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**THIS SECTION FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

**Amount** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_      **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_      MasterCard/VISA/Discover

Date paid \_\_\_\_\_      Staff member taking payment \_\_\_\_\_

Shots: (Initial, date received) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date approved for workshop attendance:** \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt/directions sent \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWER TO MOST TRAINING  
PROBLEMS (post this reminder around the house):

**Bigger cookie**

**Better cookie**

**Hungrier puppy**

Any one or two, or all three combined  
will help!

**Baby steps – Split  
the behavior, don't  
lump the behavior**