Canine Companion

Dog Behaviour Assessment

A dog behaviour assessment questionnaire is crucial for understanding a dog's temperament, habits, and any potential behavioural issues. This can be particularly useful for dog trainers, shelters, veterinarians, and adopters. Below is an initial assessment questionnaire that covers various aspects of a dog’s behaviour.

### Dog Behaviour Assessment Questionnaire

#### **General Information**

1. **Dog's Name:**
2. **Breed (or best guess):**
3. **Age:**
4. **Sex:**
   * ☐ Male
   * ☐ Female
5. **Neutered/Spayed:**
   * ☐ Yes
   * ☐ No
6. **How long have you owned the dog?**
7. **Where did you get the dog?**
   * ☐ Breeder
   * ☐ Shelter/Rescue
   * ☐ Friend/Family
   * ☐ Found/Stray
   * ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. **Primary reason for seeking this assessment:**

#### **Medical History**

1. **Is the dog up to date on vaccinations?**
   * ☐ Yes
   * ☐ No
2. **Any known health issues or medical conditions?** (e.g., allergies, chronic pain, etc.)
3. **Is the dog currently on any medication?**

* ☐ Yes (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ☐ No

1. **Has the dog ever been diagnosed with a behavioural issue by a veterinarian?**

* ☐ Yes (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ☐ No

#### **Daily Routine**

1. **What is the dog's daily routine?** (Include feeding, exercise, playtime, etc.)
2. **How often does the dog get exercise, and what type?**

* ☐ Walks
* ☐ Running/Playing
* ☐ Fetch
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **How long is the dog left alone during the day?**

* ☐ Never
* ☐ 1-3 hours
* ☐ 4-6 hours
* ☐ 7+ hours

1. **Where does the dog stay when left alone?**

* ☐ Crate
* ☐ Free in the house
* ☐ Specific room/area
* ☐ Outside
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Where does the dog sleep at night?**

* ☐ Owner’s bed
* ☐ Dog bed in the bedroom
* ☐ Crate
* ☐ Free in the house
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Socialization and Interaction**

1. **How does the dog behave around adults?**

* ☐ Friendly
* ☐ Shy/Reserved
* ☐ Fearful
* ☐ Aggressive
* ☐ Excitable/Hyper
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **How does the dog behave around children?**

* ☐ Friendly
* ☐ Shy/Reserved
* ☐ Fearful
* ☐ Aggressive
* ☐ Excitable/Hyper
* ☐ Not exposed to children
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **How does the dog behave around other dogs?**

* ☐ Friendly
* ☐ Playful
* ☐ Indifferent
* ☐ Shy/Reserved
* ☐ Fearful
* ☐ Aggressive
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **How does the dog behave around other animals (cats, birds, etc.)?**

* ☐ Friendly
* ☐ Indifferent
* ☐ Aggressive
* ☐ Chases
* ☐ Not exposed to other animals
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Training and Obedience**

1. **Has the dog had any formal training?**

* ☐ Yes (please specify type): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ☐ No

1. **What commands does the dog know?**

* ☐ Sit
* ☐ Stay
* ☐ Come
* ☐ Down
* ☐ Leave it
* ☐ Heel
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **How does the dog respond to commands?**

* ☐ Consistently obeys
* ☐ Obeys sometimes
* ☐ Rarely obeys
* ☐ Ignores commands
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Does the dog walk well on a leash?**

* ☐ Yes
* ☐ Pulls occasionally
* ☐ Pulls frequently
* ☐ Lunges at other dogs/people

1. **Has the dog been crate trained?**

* ☐ Yes
* ☐ No

1. **Is the dog house-trained?**

* ☐ Yes
* ☐ Mostly (occasional accidents)
* ☐ No

1. **Does the dog exhibit any destructive behaviours?**

* ☐ Yes (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ☐ No

#### **Behavioural Issues**

1. **Has the dog ever shown signs of aggression?**

* ☐ Towards people
* ☐ Towards other dogs
* ☐ Towards other animals
* ☐ Never

1. **If yes, please describe the circumstances and behaviour:**
2. **Has the dog ever bitten anyone?**

* ☐ Yes (please describe the situation): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ☐ No

1. **Does the dog exhibit any of the following behaviours?**

* ☐ Separation anxiety
* ☐ Excessive barking
* ☐ Resource guarding (food, toys, etc.)
* ☐ Fearfulness (e.g., of loud noises, strangers, etc.)
* ☐ Jumping on people
* ☐ Digging
* ☐ Chewing inappropriate items
* ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **How does the dog react to the following?**

* **Strangers:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Loud noises:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Being touched/hugged:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Car rides:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Veterinarian visits:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Additional Information**

1. **Is there anything else we should know about the dog’s behaviour?**
2. **What are your main concerns about your dog’s behaviour?**
3. **What are your goals for this behaviour assessment?**