

The predictive validity of an observational behavioural assessment model for shelter dogs: Informed Customer Consent Form

You have been asked to participate in research investigating the behaviour of dogs after they have been rehomed from Battersea Dogs and Cats Home. By agreeing to answer a few questions about your dog's behaviour in the following weeks over the phone, you will be helping us gather important feedback that will be used to inform our dog assessments.

Purpose of the research

When dogs come to Battersea, it is necessary to evaluate their behaviour in order to place them in new homes that are most suitable. As dogs settle into their new homes, their behaviour might change. Therefore, we are interested in learning more about how dogs behave in their new homes in comparison with their behaviour while at Battersea.

What does the study involve?

Participants will receive 2 telephone calls from one of Battersea's Canine Behaviour and Training Advisors. The phone calls will last approximately 10 minutes. The first phone call will be 2 – 3 weeks from today and the second phone call 5 – 6 weeks from today. The questions will be about the behaviour of your dog and some general information about the environment your dog lives in. Participants will be able to ask the Canine Behaviour and Training Advisor for advice about their dog's behaviour, should they require it.

What information will I need to provide to participate?

In order to participate, you will be asked to provide a correct phone number and email address. No other personal information is required.

How will the information be used?

Battersea Dogs and Cats Home is working together with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in Ås, Norway. The information gained from these surveys will be studied by Conor Goold, a PhD student in animal behaviour, who can be contacted on conor.goold@nmbu.no.

Voluntary participation

Participation in this study is voluntary and you can opt out at any stage by contacting Battersea Dogs and Cats Home directly or informing us during the telephone survey. All personal information will be kept confidential.

Sharing of the results

Participants will receive a summary via email of the research results as soon as they become available.

Consent to participate in this study

I/we consent to receiving 2 telephone calls from Battersea Dogs and Cats Home about my/our dog's behaviour in the following weeks.

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Signature(s) of customer(s)

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Printed name(s) of customer(s)

Your details:

Your telephone number:

Your email address:

For the use of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home only:

Signature of RWA taking consent:

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Dog ID number:
