

# Pet Dog Behavior Series

## Event 1 Questionnaire

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Start of Block: A Little About You

QID1. Why did you decide to participate in this survey?

- ☐ I love dogs (1)
- ☐ To help shelter animals (2)
- ☐ My dog may have a behavior problem (3)
- ☐ I work with animals (4)
- ☐ Other (5)

QID2. Email address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

QID3. Zip/postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

End of Block: A Little About You

Start of Block: Who Is Your Canine Companion

*If you multiple dogs, please fill in separate surveys for each.  
You will be given an opportunity to do so after you submit this survey.*

QID4. Canine companion name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

End of Block: Who Is Your Canine Companion

Start of Block: A Little Bit About [dog\_name]

QID5. Is [dog\_name] a purebred?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID5 (Is [dog\_name] a purebred) == 1 (Yes)

QID6. Is the breed recognized by the AKC?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID6 (Is the breed recognized by the AKC) == 1 (Yes)

QID7. Please select a breed:

▼ affenpinscher (1) ... yorkshire terrier (200)

Display This Question:

IF (QID5 (Is [dog\_name] a purebred) == 1 (Yes))

AND (QID6 (Is the breed recognized by the AKC) == 0 (No))

QID8. Please enter the breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Display This Question:

IF QID5 (Is [dog\_name] a purebred) == 0 (No)

QID9. Do you know the breed composition for [dog\_name]?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID9 (Do you know the breed composition ...) == 1 (Yes)

QID10. Please list the breed composition: \_\_\_\_\_

QID11. Where did you acquire [dog\_name]?

- ☐ Online - rescue (1)
- ☐ Online - purchase (2)
- ☐ Pet store (3)
- ☐ Shelter/rescue (4)
- ☐ Breeder (5)
- ☐ Self-bred (6)
- ☐ Friend/family member (7)
- ☐ Found (8)
- ☐ Other (9)

QID12. Was [dog\_name] older than 12 months when acquired?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ I don't know (2)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID12 (Was [dog\_name] older than 12 months when acquired) == 0 (No)

QID13. Please enter the age of [dog\_name] when acquired (in months): \_\_\_\_\_

Display This Question:

IF QID12 (Was [dog\_name] older than 12 months when acquired) == 1 (Yes)

QID14. Please enter the age of [dog\_name] when acquired (in years): \_\_\_\_\_

QID15. Is [dog\_name] older than 12 months today?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ I don't know (2)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID15 (Is [dog\_name] older than 12 months today) == 0 (No)

QID16. Please enter the current age of [dog\_name] (in months): \_\_\_\_\_

Display This Question:

IF QID15 (Is [dog\_name] older than 12 months today) == 1 (Yes)

QID17. Please enter the current age of [dog\_name] (in years): \_\_\_\_\_

QID18. What gender is [dog\_name]?

- ☐ Male (1)
- ☐ Female (2)

QID19. Is [dog\_name] spayed/neutered?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ I don't know (2)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID19 (Is [dog\_name] spayed/neutered) == 1 (Yes)

QID20. Was [dog\_name] spayed/neutered before 12 months of age?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ I don't know (2)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID20 (Was [dog\_name] spayed/neutered before 12 months of age) == 1 (Yes)

QID21. How old was [dog\_name] when spayed/neutered (in months)? \_\_\_\_\_

Display This Question:

IF QID20 (Was [dog\_name] spayed/neutered before 12 months of age) == 0 (No)

QID22. How old was [dog\_name] when spayed/neutered (in years)? \_\_\_\_\_

QID23. Do you know how much [dog\_name] weighs?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID23 (Do you know how much [dog\_name] weighs) == 1 (Yes)

QID24. Please enter the current weight of [dog\_name] (in pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

End of Block: A Little Bit About [dog\_name]

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Start of Block: How Does [dog\_name] Behave

QID25. Do you believe [dog\_name] has ever had a behavior problem?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ I don't know (2)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID25 (Do you believe [dog\_name] has ever had a behavior problem) == 1 (Yes)

QID26. Was the behavior problem evident at the time of acquisition?

- ☐ Yes (1)
  - ☐ I don't know (2)
  - ☐ No (0)
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Display This Question:

IF QID26 (Was the behavior problem evident at the time of acquisition) == 0 (No)

QID27. Do you remember the age of [dog\_name] when you first noticed the behavior problem?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID27 (Do you remember the age of [dog\_name] when you first noticed ...) == 1 (Yes)

QID28. Did you notice the behavior problem within the first 12 months of age?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID28 (Did you notice the behavior problem within the first 12 months of age) == 1 (Yes)

QID29. Please enter the age you first noticed the behavior problem (in months): \_\_\_\_\_

Display This Question:

IF QID28 (Did you notice the behavior problem within the first 12 months of age) == 0 (No)

QID30. Please enter the age you first noticed the behavior problem (in years): \_\_\_\_\_

*The information you provide about [dog\_name] is essential to this scientific study and important to the canine community.*

QID31. Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following?

- ☐ Aggression (e.g., growling, snarling, snapping, lunging, biting) (1)
- ☐ Fearful and/or anxious behavior (e.g., hiding, cowering, shaking, low tail or body, panting, pacing, vocalization) (2)
- ☐ Repetitive behavior (e.g., light or tail chasing, licking) (3)
- ☐ House soiling (4)
- ☐ Excessive barking (5)
- ☐ Jumping on people (6)
- ☐ Mounting/humping (7)
- ☐ Eating feces (i.e. poop) (8)
- ☐ Destructive behavior (9)
- ☐ Rolling in repulsive objects (e.g., feces, garbage) (10)
- ☐ Running away (12)
- ☐ Overactive/hyperactive (13)

Note: The jump from 10 (Rolling in repulsive objects) to 12 (Running away) is not a typo, but an artifact of the removal of an option when the questionnaire was being developed on REDCap.

End of Block: How Does [dog\_name] Behave

Start of Block: Fill Us in On the Details

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 1 (Aggression)

QID32. To which of the following has [dog\_name] ever shown aggression (e.g. growling, snarling, snapping, lunging, biting)?

- ☐ Familiar people in the home (1)
- ☐ Strangers visiting the home (2)
- ☐ Strangers away from the home (3)
- ☐ Another dog in the home (4)
- ☐ Unfamiliar dogs visiting the home (5)
- ☐ Unfamiliar dogs outside on walks (off lead) (6)
- ☐ Unfamiliar dogs outside on walks (on lead) (7)
- ☐ Veterinarians (8)
- ☐ Trainers (9)
- ☐ Groomers (10)
- ☐ Animals other than dogs in the home (11)

Display This Question:

If QID32 (To which of the following has ... shown aggression) = 11 (Animals other than dogs ...)

QID33. Which animal(s) has [dog\_name] shown aggression to? \_\_\_\_\_

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 1 (Aggression)

QID34. In which of the following forms has [dog\_name] exhibited aggression?

- ☐ Growling (1)
- ☐ Snarling (2)
- ☐ Snapping (3)
- ☐ Lunging (4)
- ☐ Biting (5)

Display This Question:

IF QID34 (In which of the following forms has ... exhibited aggression) == 5 (Biting)

QID35. Has [dog\_name] ever bitten a person?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID35 (Has [dog\_name] ever bitten a person) == 1 (Yes)

QID36. How many times has [dog\_name] bitten another person? (It is okay to estimate) \_\_\_\_\_

Display This Question:

IF QID34 (In which of the following forms has ... exhibited aggression) == 5 (Biting)

QID37. Has [dog\_name] ever bitten another dog?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID37 (Has [dog\_name] ever bitten another dog) == 1 (Yes)

QID38. How many times has [dog\_name] bitten another dog? (It is okay to estimate) \_\_\_\_\_

Display This Question:

IF QID34 (In which of the following forms has ... exhibited aggression) == 5 (Biting)

QID39. Has [dog\_name] ever delivered more than a single bite per incident?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID34 (In which of the following forms has ... exhibited aggression) == 5 (Biting)

QID40. How severe was the worst bite?

- ☐ Level 1 - Obnoxious or aggressive behavior but no skin-contact by teeth (1)
- ☐ Level 2 - Skin-contact by teeth but no skin-puncture (2)
- ☐ Level 3 - One to four punctures from a single bite with no puncture deeper than half the length of the dog's canine teeth (3)
- ☐ Level 4 - One to four punctures from a single bite with at least one puncture deeper than half the length of the dog's canine teeth (4)
- ☐ Level 5 - Multiple-bite incident with at least two Level 4 bites or multiple-attack incident with at least one Level 4 bite in each (5)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 2 (Fearful and/or anxious behavior)

QID41. Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following fearful or anxious behaviors?

- ☐ Thunderstorm phobia (1)
- ☐ Other noise phobia (2)
- ☐ Fearful or anxious when confronted by certain people or in crowds (without showing aggression toward the people) (3)
- ☐ Fearful of other dogs (without showing aggression toward the dogs) (4)
- ☐ Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) (hypervigilance and avoidance following a life-threatening event) (5)
- ☐ General anxiety (e.g., pacing, panting, easily startled in most circumstances) (6)
- ☐ Situational anxiety (e.g., pacing, panting, easily startled in certain circumstances) (7)
- ☐ Fearful/anxious in the veterinary office (8)
- ☐ Separation anxiety (i.e., showing signs such as pre-departure anxiety, vocalization, destructive behavior when alone and exuberant greeting on owner's return) (9)
- ☐ Anxiety in the car (e.g. panting, restless, vocalizing) (10)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (11)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 3 (Repetitive behavior)

QID42. Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following repetitive behaviors?

- ☐ Spinning (1)
- ☐ Tail chasing (2)
- ☐ Shadow or light chasing (3)
- ☐ Running in a geometric pattern (4)
- ☐ Compulsive licking of the wrist or hock (5)

- ☐ Fly snapping (no flies actually present) (6)
- ☐ Sucking the flank region or blankets (7)
- ☐ Tennis ball fetish (8)
- ☐ Collecting objects, and arranging them in piles or patterns (9)
- ☐ Nail biting (10)
- ☐ Digging in the yard (11)
- ☐ Stone/rock chewing (12)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (13)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 4 (House soiling)

QID43. Do you think that [dog\_name] has ever had a house soiling problem?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 4 (House soiling)

QID44. In which way has [dog\_name] soiled in the house?

- ☐ Urine (1)
- ☐ Feces (2)
- ☐ Both (3)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 4 (House soiling)

QID45. In which of the following situations has [dog\_name] soiled in the house?

- ☐ When I am home (1)
- ☐ When I am out (2)
- ☐ When excited or overwhelmed (e.g., greetings, approach) (3)

Display This Question:

I IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 4 (House soiling)

QID46. Where has [dog\_name] soiled in the house?

- ☐ Specific locations (1)
- ☐ Anywhere on the floor (2)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 5 (Excessive barking)

QID47. Do you think that [dog\_name] has ever barked excessively?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 5 (Excessive barking)

QID48. In which of the following situations has [dog\_name] barked excessively?

- ☐ When you are home (1)
- ☐ When you are away (2)
- ☐ To get your attention (3)
- ☐ Inside - At triggers (e.g., noise, passerby) (4)
- ☐ Outside - At triggers (e.g., dogs, people, noises) (5)
- ☐ During car rides (6)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 6 (Jumping on people)

QID49. Do you think [dog\_name] has ever jumped on people to an extent that you considered it to be a behavioral problem?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 6 (Jumping on people)

QID50. On whom does [dog\_name] usually jump?

- ☐ You (1)
- ☐ Family members (2)
- ☐ Strangers (3)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 7 (Mounting/humping)

QID51. Which of the following has [dog\_name] attempted to mount/hump?

- ☐ People (1)
- ☐ Familiar dogs (2)
- ☐ Unfamiliar dogs (3)
- ☐ Inanimate objects (e.g., stuffed toys, pillows) (4)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 7 (Mounting/humping)

QID52. How often does [dog\_name] mount/hump?

- ☐ Daily (1)
- ☐ Weekly (2)
- ☐ Monthly (3)
- ☐ Yearly (4)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 8 (Eating feces)

QID53. What type of feces has [dog\_name] consumed?

- ☐ Their own feces (1)
- ☐ Other dogs' feces (2)
- ☐ Other species' feces (e.g., deer, goose) (3)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 9 (Destructive behavior)

QID54. Would you consider the destructive behavior exhibited by [dog\_name] to be problematic?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 9 (Destructive behavior)

QID55. In which of the following situations has [dog\_name] exhibited destructive behavior?

- ☐ When you are home (1)
- ☐ When you are away (2)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 9 (Destructive behavior)

QID56. How often does [dog\_name] exhibit destructive behavior?

- ☐ Daily (1)
- ☐ Weekly (2)
- ☐ Monthly (3)
- ☐ Yearly (4)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 10 (Rolling in repulsive objects)

QID57. Has [dog\_name] ever rolled in any of the following repulsive objects?

- ☐ Urine (1)
- ☐ Feces (2)
- ☐ Dead stuff (e.g., blackish, greasy, rancid) (3)
- ☐ Garbage (4)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 12 (Running away)

QID58. When out with [dog\_name], has [dog\_name] ever run away and not come back on his/her own?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 12 (Running away)

QID59. Has [dog\_name] ever bolted/escaped from the house and left?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 12 (Running away)

QID60. Has [dog\_name] ever escaped confinement (e.g., fenced backyard) and run away?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 12 (Running away)

QID61. Will [dog\_name] always return if you call for him/her?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

Display This Question:

IF QID31 (Has [dog\_name] ever exhibited any of the following) == 13 (Overactive/hyperactive)

QID62. Which of the following overactive/hyperactive behaviors has [dog\_name] exhibited?

- ☐ Moving or jumping constantly (1)
- ☐ Difficulty settling (2)
- ☐ Highly distractible (3)
- ☐ Impulsive (4)

End of Block: Fill Us in On the Details

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Start of Block: Do You Have Other Dogs

QID63. Do you have another dog you that you would like to complete the survey for?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

End of Block: Do You Have Other Dogs