Pet Dog Behavior Series

Demographics (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]

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)

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, snaring, 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:

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

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