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CAT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible to help describe the environment, social interactions, history and behaviour of your cat.

This will help determine the possible cause(s), prognosis and management plan for their behaviour problem(s).

If you have more than one pet with a problem, please fill out one form for each.

Bring the questionnaire to your appointment, or if you are having a phone consultation, please fax, mail or email it before your scheduled appointment, along with a video of your pet in it's regular environment. If your cat is showing aggressive behaviour, please do not provoke this in order to video.

Your Details

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Post code _____

Home Ph: _____

Fax: _____

Mobile Ph: _____

Work Ph: _____

Email: _____

Pet's name: _____

Breed: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____

Weight: _____

Sex?: Male/Female

Desexed?: Yes/No

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Who is your regular veterinarian? Dr : _____

Clinic: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Who referred you (if differs from above)?: _____

Your Cat

From where was your cat acquired? (breeder, newspaper ad, stray, pet shop, friend etc)

Why did you choose this breed and this particular cat?

At what age did you get the cat?

Do you know anything about litter mates? (how many, what gender etc)

Do you know anything about their behaviour?

Did you meet the cat's parents? If so, what was their behaviour like?

How would you describe your cat's behaviour as a kitten?

Has the cat had other owners?

If so, do you know why the cat was re-homed?

Have you owned pets before?

Routines

When is your cat fed?

What is your cat fed?

Who feeds your cat?

Does your cat eat all the food at once?

Where is your cat when YOU are eating?

List your cat's favourite toys, activities and treats in order of preference

Where does your cat sleep?

What proportion of time does your cat spend inside and outside?

Please describe the average day of your cat including how long he is doing each activity:

Do you play with your cat? If so, how?

Does your cat respond to any commands?

Does your cat know any tricks or been trained?

Is your cat leash trained?

Does your cat have a scratching pole or preferred scratching area?

Does your cat use a cat flap/pet door?

How does your cat signal it wants to go outside?

When outside, is it supervised, on leash, in an enclosure or unsupervised?

How does your cat behave when you leave the house?

How does your cat behave when you return?

When left alone, where is your cat?

Where is your cat when you have guests?

Why?

Toilet routines

Does your cat use a litter tray?

How did you toilet train him?

Does your cat ever toilet in the house, but outside of the litter tray? If so, is it urine, or faeces, or both?

How many litter trays do you have, where are they placed and how old are they?

Number of trays	Type of tray	location	Age of tray

Do you use a liner? If yes, what type (e.g. plastic or newspaper)?

What litter brand and type do you use? Is it always the same type?

Have you recently changed brands?

How often do you remove contents from the tray?

How often do you change the litter?

How do you clean the tray?

Does your cat cover urine or faeces in the litter tray?

Your home

Describe your home environment (rural, city, size of yard etc)

Have you moved home since acquiring the cat? If yes, how often?

Describe the people who live in your home, including ages, relationship to you and occupations:

name	age	relationship	occupation

Do you have any other pets? Please provide type, name(s) and age(s):

name	species	breed	Age obtained	Age now	Sex/desexed

Has the household changed since acquiring your cat (including people and animals)? If so, how?

How does your cat get along with them?

How would you describe your relationship with your cat?

Do you have any physical ailments that prevent normal interaction with your cat?

Please describe a typical working week (who is home, for how long, hours at work, departure and arrival times etc)

Medical History

At what age was your cat desexed?

Why was this done?

Where there any behavioural changes after desexing?

Are you planning to breed from your cat, or has the cat ever been bred from?

If bred from, was she a good mother?

Does your cat carry toys or objects or “mother” other animals?

Is your cat on any preventative medicine (e.g. flea control, worming etc)?

Give a brief medical history, including any medication your cat is currently on:

Is your cat on any medication for behavioural reasons (including herbal treatments such as Rescue Remedy)?

Has he been on any medication for behavioural reasons?

What has the response been to any behavioural medication?

Your cat's reactions:

Please describe your cat's behaviour in detail when presented by the following scenarios (e.g. does he avoid, growl, bite, greet happily, bunt etc). **Do not test your cat if you are unsure or concerned about the possible reaction:**

- Familiar guests arrive at your home:
- Unfamiliar guests arrive at your home:

Is there a difference in response to children and adults, males or females etc?

- Groomer:
- Vet:
- Being picked up
- Being moved off furniture
- When verbally or physically reprimanded
- When reached towards, stared at or bent over the top of (by familiar or unfamiliar people)
- When patted, hugged or kissed (by familiar or unfamiliar people)

Does your cat show fear to noises (such as thunderstorms, fireworks, loud trucks, vacuum cleaner etc.)

When does your cat "meow"?

When does your cat hiss or growl?

How does your cat behave if he can see another cat through the window or in the yard?

Does your cat lick you, lick fabric, or lick and bite himself excessively?

Does your cat mount people or other cats?

How active is your cat? Low activity_____ average_____ high_____ excessive_____

The Problem

Please describe your main concern about your cat's behaviour:

Any other behaviour concerns? 2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Why is the behaviour a problem?

When did you first notice the problem?

Is it worsening in frequency or intensity?

Please describe the last 3 incidents in detail, including dates if possible:

Most recent:

Second to last incident:

Third to last incident:

What have you done to try and change the behaviour?

What has been the response to your methods?

How often does the behaviour occur (e.g. how many times daily, weekly, monthly)?

Problem 1:

Problem 2:

Problem 3:

Problem 4:

How do you discipline your cat for this or any other problem?

Did you notice any triggers for the behaviour?

Can you think of any factors that may have coincided with the onset of the problem?

Can you predict when the problem is likely to occur?

What is your goal for treatment?

Please describe how you feel right now about the problem, the severity of it, how it is affecting your life and what is likely to happen if the problem can't be changed.

Please offer any other information you feel may be relevant: