



## CANINE QUESTIONNAIRE & PROFILE

No one knows and loves your dog the way you do! In order to find the most appropriate home for your dog, please provide as much detail as possible about history, past veterinary care, likes, dislikes, and quirks of your canine friend. Behavioral and medical issues do not necessarily create problems, but failing to disclose them certainly does!

Has your dog bitten a person or animal or been bitten in the last ten (10) days?      Yes      No

### General Information

Shelter Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name and Nicknames: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Age or Approximate Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Date of Birth (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Sex:      Male      Female      Unsure      Is dog spayed/neutered?      Unsure      No      Yes  
If yes, when was it done?      As a puppy      As an adult  
If yes, what vet clinic did surgery? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of I.D. does your dog have (other than tags)?      Tattoo (If so, where is it located?) \_\_\_\_\_  
Microchip      None      Unsure

### History

Why are you surrendering your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If surrender reason is behavioral, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If VHS could help you resolve this issue, would you be interested in keeping the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been caring for your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Including yours, how many homes has this dog had? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you acquire this dog?

Found as a stray      Born in my home      Breeder      Pet Store  
Newspaper Ad\*      Friend/Relative\*      VHS      Other Shelter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\* If from a friend/relative or newspaper ad, why was the dog given away? \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical History

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Has the dog ever seen a veterinarian? Yes No Unsure

If yes, did the dog see a veterinarian at least once per year? Yes No Unsure

If yes, is the dog current on vaccinations? Yes No Unsure

Has this dog ever had surgery (other than spay/neuter)? Yes No Unsure

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What vet clinics have seen this dog: \_\_\_\_\_

What name(s) are the vet records under if they aren't under yours? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the dog been diagnosed with and/or treated for any of the following (*check all that apply*)?

Upper respiratory infection	Heartworms	Heart murmur	Tumors
Epilepsy or seizures	Organ Failure	Thyroid disease	Diabetes
Urinary tract infection	Eye infection	Kennel cough	Allergies
Other (please explain) _____			

Has the dog exhibited any of the following symptoms within the last month (*check all that apply*)?

Sneezing/Coughing	Ocular (eye) drainage	Nasal discharge
Vomiting	Diarrhea	Trouble urinating
Excessive drinking	Weight loss	Itching and/or hair loss
Change of behavior (please explain) _____		
Other (please explain) _____		

Is the dog on any medications? Yes No

If yes, what are they and why is the dog on them? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the dog regularly receive flea/tick prevention? Yes No

If yes, what products are used and when are they given? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the dog regularly receive heartworm prevention? Yes No

If yes, what products are used and when are they given? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the dog ever had a negative reaction to any medication (including flea/tick prevention)? Yes No

If yes, what product was it and what was the reaction? \_\_\_\_\_

## Personality

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How would you describe your dog most of the time (*check all that apply*)?

Friendly to family	Very active	A clown	Couch potato	
Destructive				
Friendly to visitors	Playful	Aloof	Withdrawn	Fearful
Shy to family	Snappy	Affectionate	Independent	Fearless

Shy to visitors                      Quiet                      Cuddle bug                      Aggressive  
 Solitary  
 Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Play Style**

How does your dog like to play (*check all that apply*)?

Plays gently, does not usually use teeth	Likes to play rough, may be mouthy or scratch	
Likes to chase a variety of toys (balls/Frisbees)	Likes things that squeak	
Likes to play chase games with people	Chases bugs or moths	
Will fetch items (balls/sticks)	Likes to play tug-of-war	
Likes to play in or around water	Likes to learn tricks for treats	Likes to play with other dogs
Likes to play with cats	Not interested in play	Other (please explain) _____

What does your dog like to play with (*check all that apply*)?

Balls      Ropes      Stuffed animals      Kongs      Frisbees      Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Lifestyle & Home Life**

What areas of your home did the dog have access to (*check all that apply*)?

Indoors only	Outdoors only	Indoors at night	Garage or basement
In barn or shed	Screened porch	Indoors in poor weather	
Outdoors in warm weather	Indoors with access to outside	Other _____	

Where did your dog spend most of his or her time (*check all that apply*)?

Bedroom	Kitchen	Living room	Garage or basement
All areas of home	Outdoors only	Barn or shed	Where people are
Other _____			

When you were not home, where did you leave your dog (*check all that apply*)?

Had access to entire house	Outdoors in fence/pen	Outdoors on tie-out
In barn or shed	Garage or basement	Screened porch
Indoors in poor weather	Outdoors in warm weather	Crate/carrier
Indoors with access to outside	One room _____	Other _____

Is leaving your dog in your home while you are gone successful?      Yes      No  
 If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

What behavior does your dog exhibit when left alone (*check all that apply*)?

Panting/salivating	Escapes/tries to escape	Chews on furniture
Chews on belongings	Whines/barks	Digs at door
Urinate in home	Defecates in home	No problems seen
Other _____		

Have you ever tried crate training?      Yes      No

If yes, was it successful?      Yes      No

If no, please explain why. \_\_\_\_\_

What is the longest period of time your dog spends alone in a 24-hour period? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you use to confine your dog when it is outside (*check all that apply*)?

Dog runs loose	Tie-out	Walk on a leash
Privacy fence (height _____)	Pen (size _____)	Chain link fence (height _____)
Invisible fence	Cable runner	Other _____

How does the dog escape when outside (*check all that apply*)?

Doesn't escape	Jumps fence	Climbs fence
Slips collar	Breaks tie-out	Chews tie-out
Unsure	Digs out	Other _____

When does your dog escape (*check all that apply*)?

Doesn't escape	When left alone	During the day
During the night	During storms	During loud noises (fireworks)
All the time	Other _____	

Please describe what actions you've taken to prevent the dog from escaping? \_\_\_\_\_

Have the actions you've taken stopped the dog from escaping?      Yes      No

Does your dog chase things?      Yes      No      What/who does your dog chase? \_\_\_\_\_

If your dog chases things, how does the dog act (*check all that apply*)?

Playful	Aggressive	Protective	Unsure	Other _____
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Has your dog ever killed another animal?      Yes      No

If yes, please describe the circumstances. \_\_\_\_\_

What other animals are in your home?

None	Other dogs	Cats	Birds	Rodents	Other _____
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If this dog has lived with other dogs, how did they interact (*check all that apply*)?

Never lived with dogs	Adored each other	Played together	Sniffed noses
	Slept near each other	Ignored each other	Rough with others
	Groomed each other	Gentle with others	Stressed this dog
	Fought without injuries	Fought with injuries	Peacefully coexisted
	Avoided each other	Other (please explain) _____	

If this dog has lived with cats, how did they interact (*check all that apply*)?

Never lived with cats	Adored each other	Played together	Sniffed noses
	Slept near each other	Ignored each other	Rough with others
	Groomed each other	Gentle with others	Stressed this dog

Fought without injuries      Fought with injuries      Peacefully coexisted  
Cat rubbed on dog      Cat tormented dog      Dog chased cat  
Avoided each other      Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Has this dog regularly been around children?      Yes      No      Unsure  
If yes, indicate what ages:      0-2 years      3-5 years      6-10 years      11-18 years

If this dog lived with children under the age of 7, how did they interact (*check all that apply*)?  
Dog actively avoided child      Child could pet dog      Mutual adoration  
Ignored each other      Dog & child played together      Dog growled/snapped at child  
Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Have the experiences with the dog and child(ren) always been positive?      Yes      No      Unsure  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the dog more comfortable with (*check all that apply*):      Women      Men      Kids  
Teenagers      Seniors      Loves all people

Please check any of the following behaviors your dog may have exhibited for any reason (*check all that apply*).  
Growled      Showed teeth      Snapped      Bit (did not break skin)      Bit (broke skin)

What happened to cause this behavior? \_\_\_\_\_

When you take things from your dog, how does he/she react (*check all that apply*)?  
Growls/bites when you try to touch food      Growls/bites when you try to touch toys  
Cannot push dog or order dog off of furniture      Growls/bites when you try to touch treats  
Dog eats faster      Dog walks away      Dog is not bothered      Dog freezes  
Have not tried any of the above      Other \_\_\_\_\_

If there is a negative reaction, have you done anything to try to correct this?      Yes      No  
If yes, please describe what actions you have taken. \_\_\_\_\_  
Has this helped to correct the problem?      Yes      No

Please use the rating system for how your dog reacts in the following scenarios (*use all that apply*)?  
1. *Enjoys/likes*      3. *Growls*      5. *Some difficulty*      7. *Haven't tried*  
2. *Dislikes but tolerates*      4. *Snaps/bites*      6. *Very difficult*      8. *Indifferent/doesn't mind*  
Brushing \_\_\_\_\_ Bathing \_\_\_\_\_ Nail Clipping \_\_\_\_\_ Car Rides \_\_\_\_\_ Teeth Exams \_\_\_\_\_

Has your dog had any obedience training?      Yes      No  
If yes, where did the pet have obedience training (*check all that apply*)?  
At home with owner      Private class at home with trainer      Group class with trainer  
What trainer or organization did you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all of the commands your dog knows and performs well.

Sit Stay Down Off Shake Come  
Settle Heel Walks on leash without pulling  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

What are some things you truly love about this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What quirks or habits are you not fond of in your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Does (or has the dog in the past) do/done any of the following (*check all that apply*)?

Jump on counters	Chews furniture	Barks a lot
Scratches doors/cabinets	Chew personal items	Gets in trash
Jumps up on people	Steals food (out of hands/off counters or tables)	
Doesn't come when called	Escapes (darts out door/gets out of fence)	
Pulls on a leash	Other (please explain)	

How did you correct this/these problem(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you successful at correcting this/these problem(s)? No Yes

Do you feel this dog is trainable if someone has more time than you? No Yes

## **Dietary Habits**

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What is the dog's favorite brand of food? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your dog on any special diet? No Yes  
If yes, what brand \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Which does your dog eat? Dry only Canned only Combination of dry & canned  
People food \_\_\_\_\_

What type of treats does your dog enjoy? \_\_\_\_\_

How often is your dog fed? Food always available Designated mealtimes  
If designated, please list times: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Housebreaking**

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We ask so many questions about housebreaking because it is one of the main behavioral problems people have with dogs. Please help us by giving as much detailed information as possible. Knowing as much information as possible can help VHS and potential adopters work on training the dog.

How housebroken is your dog?

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

How often was the dog taken out each day to relieve his/herself? \_\_\_\_\_

If there were specific times of the day the dog was let outside, what were they? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the dog let you know it needed to go outside? \_\_\_\_\_

How long was the dog left outside? \_\_\_\_\_

If housebreaking accidents were an issue, when did they begin?

Past month

Past year

Ongoing

If housebreaking accidents were an issue, how often did they occur?

Frequently

Once a day

Couple times a day

Couple times a week

One time a week

When left alone

During storms

Couple times a month

Inconsistent

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the accidents (*check all that apply*):

Urinates in the home

Urinates on furniture/walls

Never has accidents

Defecates in the home

Defecates on furniture

Marks areas where other dogs have marked

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Can you pinpoint an event(s) that might have influenced/triggered inappropriate housebreaking issues?

No

Yes

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the measures you have taken to correct this problem: \_\_\_\_\_

Have the actions you've taken to correct this problem helped? No Yes

Has your dog been to the veterinarian to rule out infection or underlying health issues? No Yes

If yes, what was the outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Additional Comments**

How would you describe the ideal home for your dog?

Please tell us any additional comments about your canine friend.

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Animal's Inform Number \_\_\_\_\_

VHS Staff Member Who Went Over Profile With Owner \_\_\_\_\_