

# Helping Hand



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*Strengthening the Human – Animal Connection*

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## Aggression Screen – Canine

Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 1:

Is aggression the primary reason for the behavior consult? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Has your pet ever displayed any: Threatening displays? [ ] Yes [ ] No Growling? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
Bite attempts? [ ] Yes [ ] No Bites? [ ] Yes [ ] No

When was the most recent attempt to bite or threaten?

Is the aggression toward other animals? [ ] Yes [ ] No; If yes, do these animals reside in the home?

Is the aggression toward people? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Did your dog bite as a puppy? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, please describe, including age:

How old was your dog the first time he/she growled at a person? And what was the circumstance?

How old was your dog the first time he/she snapped or bit at a person? And what was the circumstance?

What is the potential for injury? a. none/preventable [ ] b. minimal [ ] c. moderate [ ] d. severe [ ]

Is the problem serious enough that you will be unable to keep your pet if it is not improved? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Is your dog ever aggressive to members of the immediate family? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, who?  
Describe:

Is your dog ever aggressive to visitors to your home? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, were the people known, strangers, or both? (circle one) Describe:

Is your dog aggressive to people when off property? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, were the people known, strangers, or both? (circle one) Describe:

Is there a particular person or type (age, sex, uniforms) that your dog is most likely to threaten or bite?

Is there a particular location or situation where aggression is most likely to occur?

Has your dog ever bitten hard enough to break skin or cause injury?  Yes  No If yes, how many times?

Were the bites shallow or deep?

List the contexts where this occurred:

Describe situations where your dog barks, threatens, or growls, but does not bite:

Does your dog ever display aggression to housemate pets?  Yes  No

Describe several examples:

Describe any aggression toward animals that do not live within the home, including several examples:

When your dog threatens or attempts to bite, or bites, how do you typically handle the situation and what is the dog's reaction?

How would you describe your dog's attitude at the time of the aggression? (*bold, protective, outgoing, fearful, etc*)

What does your dog look like at the time of aggression (body language and posture)? *i.e. cowering, ears back, tail tucked, hackles raised, retreating, hiding, leaning forward, tail high, ears forward, etc.* – circle all that apply and add others here:

**Part 2:** This section specifically addresses which situations cause or elicit an aggressive response. For each listed situation, circle the typical reaction by the dog. The following symbols will be used to represent the dog's response:

**GR = growl**

**SL = snarl/bare teeth**

**SB = snap/bite**

**NR = no reaction**

**NA = not applicable**

**Please also add any additional comments if necessary.**

1.pet dog.....GR SL SB NR NA

2.hug dog.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
3.kiss dog.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
4.lift dog.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
5.call off furniture.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
6.push/pull off furniture.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
7.approach on furniture.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
8.disturb while resting/sleeping.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
9.approach while eating.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
10.touch while eating.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
11.take dog food away.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
12.take human food away.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
13.take water dish away.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
14.take rawhide.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
15.take biscuit/cookie.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
16.take real bone.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
17.take toy/object.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
18.approach when dog has any object/toy/bone.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
19.verbally punish.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
20.physically punish.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
21.visual threat.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
22.speak to dog (normal tone).....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
23.stare at dog.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
24.bend over dog.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
25.push on shoulders or back.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
26.approach dog near spouse.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
27.enter room.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
28.leave room.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
29.reach toward dog.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
30.leash restraint.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
31.collar restraint.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
32.scruff restraint.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
33.put leash on/take off.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
34.put collar on/take off.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
35.bathe/towel dog.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
36.groom/brush dog.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
37.dog at groomer's.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
38.trim nails.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA
39.leash/collar correction.....	GR	SL	SB	NR	NA

- 40.response to "sit"..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 41.response to "down"..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 42.dog at veterinary clinic..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 43.unfamiliar adult enters house or yard.....GR SL SB NR NA
- 44.unfamiliar child enters house or yard..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 45.familiar adult enters house or yard..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 46.familiar child enters house or yard..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 47.response to toddlers/babies..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 48.dog in car at tollbooths, gas stations, etc..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 49.unfam. adult approaches owner and dog on leash..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 50.unfam. child approaches owner and dog on leash..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 51.dog in house, sees people outside..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 52.response to other dogs, while on leash..... GR SL SB NR NA
- 53.response to other dogs, while not on leash..... GR SL SB NR NA

**For the following statements, please answer "yes" or "no" (this is only for aggression toward people)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ attacks are sudden and surprising
- \_\_\_\_\_ episodes appear unprovoked
- \_\_\_\_\_ the dog is abruptly docile after an episode
- \_\_\_\_\_ the dog appears "sorry" afterwards
- \_\_\_\_\_ the dog appears disoriented afterwards
- \_\_\_\_\_ episodes are associated with a "glazed" or "absent" expression
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can usually tell what will set off my dog
- \_\_\_\_\_ the aggressive behavior is new and uncharacteristic

Is this dog allowed on the furniture or beds? Explain:

Does he/she have a favorite "resting" area? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, where is it and is the dog aggressive when in this area?

Do you know what age the pup was when it was weaned? Or, how long it remained with the litter?

Have you already tried to resolve this problem on your own? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, please explain:

Did you have an opportunity to meet the mother and father of this dog? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, please describe their personalities. Were they outgoing? Friendly? Shy? Fearful? etc.