

Feline Behavioral History Form

Date: _____

Client Name: _____

Cat's Name: _____

Background Information

Has the cat been declawed/tendonectomized? Yes/No At what age?

How was it cared for after the surgery?

Why was the cat obtained?

Age when cat was obtained :

Source where cat was obtained

Have you previously owned cats?

Did the cat have any previous owners?

If Yes, how many owners?

How long was the cat owned by each owner?

Why was the cat given up?

What rewards work best for your cat?

Diet and Feeding

Who is the primary caregiver?

What is the cat fed?

When and where is the cat fed (ad lib or scheduled meals)? Where is the water bowl located?

Does your cat have a good appetite? Is the cat offered any treats?

Has there been a recent diet change?

Animal's Environment

What type of house do you live in?

How many square feet of the house does the cat have access to?

Have you moved since the cat was acquired?

Please list each person living in the household

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Adult or Child?</u>	<u>Relationship with the cat</u>	<u>Hours Away</u>

Please list all the animals in the household

<u>Name</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship with the cat</u>	<u>When Obtained</u>

Has the cat ever been outside?

Is your cat currently allowed to go outside? Is he/she supervised when outdoors?

How does your cat signal to go outside? Does it have a pet door?

Is your cat harness/leash trained?

Is there a scratching post available for the cat?

If yes, what type of posts and where are they located?

Does the cat use the scratching post?

Does the cat scratch on anything other than its post? If yes, what else?

Where does the cat spend most of its time during the day?

Where does the cat sleep at night? Does it sleep through the night?

Social Behavior

Who is the cat most attached to?

What activities do they engage in often?

Does the owner play with the cat? How frequently? What kind of games?

Does the cat play with any toys? What kind of toys?

How does the cat react when called?

Does it come to the caller? (Check one)

Yes ___ No reaction ___ Avoids ___

How does the cat react when the owner comes home?

How does your cat respond to:

	<u>No reaction</u>	<u>Avoids</u>	<u>Resists</u>	<u>Growls/Bite s</u>	<u>Purrs</u>	<u>Comments (Use back if needed)</u>
Bathed						
Being picked up						
Greeted by Owner						
Nails trimmed						
Pet/ Stroked						
Friends						
Children						
Stranger						
Veterinarian						

Sexual Behavior

If female, has the cat ever been in heat?

Does the cat mount cats, other animals, people or objects?

Has the animal been bred or used for breeding?

Grooming

Do you groom your cat?

If so, how does the cat respond?

Does the cat keep its coat in good condition?

Are there any areas where the cat licks excessively?

Elimination Behavior

Has the cat ever eliminated outside of the litterbox?

Method of litter training. How was the cat introduced to the litter box?

Age when litter trained:

Who cleans the litter box?

How many litter boxes do you have?

	Box #1	Box #2	Box #3	Box #4
Type of litterbox				
Size of litterbox				
How old is the box				
Brand of litter Scented?				
Depth of litter				
Is a liner used? (Scented?)				
Is there anything added to the litter?				
How often is it scooped out?				
How often is litter completely changed?				
How often is litter box washed				

What products are used to wash box?				
Located near noisy appliances?				
Located near doors or hallways?				
Are air vents nearby? Distance?				
Distance of box to food & water?				

Behavior at litterbox	Defecation		Urination		Comments
Dig hole prior to:	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Covers afterwards	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Paw at box or ground	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Stand on edge of box	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Shake paws	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Vocalize during	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Prefers to eliminate in Private	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Eliminates after the box is just cleaned	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Jump/run out of box when done	Yes	No	Yes	No	

Elimination Behavior Problem

When did the problem begin?

Is it urination, defecation, or both?

How old was the cat when the problem first started?

How often and under what circumstances does the problem occur?

Has there been a change in frequency?

Where does it occur? List location and material(s) eliminated upon.

Does the problem behavior occur in your presence or when you are not at home?

What has been done so far to correct the problem by the owner or Veterinarian?

Does your cat stand or squat during elimination (urination)?

Is the amount of urine small or large?

Is the urine deposited on a vertical surface (like a wall) or a horizontal surface (like carpet)?

Do you discipline the cat for this problem? Explain.

Describe:

First incident

Most recent incident

Second most recent incident

Please attach a map of the household, indicating where the litter boxes are located, where the cat has sprayed, urinated and defecated and where food and water are placed.

Aggressive Behavior

Exactly what does your cat do when it is aggressive? Describe.

Is the aggressive behavior usually directed toward a particular person, animal or object?

How often and under what circumstances does it occur?

Has there been a change in frequency?

What has been done so far to correct the problem by the owner or veterinarian?

Do you discipline the cat for this problem? Explain.

Describe:

First incident

Most recent incident

Second most recent incident

Destructive Behavior

Does the cat tear up or damage any objects in the house?

What items are destroyed?

How often does the problem occur?

Has there been a change in frequency?

Where does it occur?

Does this behavior occur in your presence or when you are not at home?

What has been done to correct the problem by the owner or veterinarian?

Describe:

First incident

Most recent incident

Second most recent incident

“Compulsive Behavior”

Does your cat lick itself excessively?

If so, describe:

Location (body parts)

Frequency (how often?)

Duration (how long?)

When did the problem begin?

Has the problem gotten worse, better, or stayed the same?

Does the problem seem to “come and go” at different times of the year?

Has your cat ever been worked up for allergies?

What do you do when the cat behaves in this way?

Does your cat engage in this behavior when you’re not around? (i.e. you come home to wet fur, etc.)

Has the licking ever caused you to seek veterinary care for ulcerations, infections, etc.?

If so, what treatment was given/prescribed?

Did your cat respond to this treatment? If so, describe.

Does your cat chew or suck on fabric of any kind?

If so, describe.

When did this behavior begin?

Has the behavior gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

What do you do when your cat engages in this behavior?

Does your cat engage in this behavior when you're not around? (i.e. you come home to wet, chewed fabrics)

Does your cat engage in any other "strange or unusual" behaviors?

If so, describe:

Does your cat have any other behavior problems?

If so, describe:

Medical History

Has your cat had any significant medical problems?