



CANYON PET HOSPITAL

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“How can a veterinarian help me with my pet’s behavior?”

Behavior problems are a leading cause of pet relinquishment and euthanasia. Conditions such as anxiety, compulsive disorders or aggression can be stressful on a family and result in a breakdown of the human-animal bond. These are not “training” or “obedience” problems, but rather deep emotional issues which require careful, methodical, targeted, evidence-based, humane, fear-free, positive, and non-confrontational treatments for our patients.

Veterinarians are in a unique position to diagnose and treat your pet’s behavior problem, thanks to their formal training in behavioral neuroscience, psychology, genetics, learning theory, animal welfare, and current research. Behavioral issues are complex and multifactorial, and can result from historical circumstances, environmental triggers, neurochemical imbalances, emotional stressors, medical conditions, learned associations, or conflicts over social structures. Unfortunately, many self-proclaimed animal trainers are unlicensed and unregulated, lack adequate credentials, and continue to spread biased myths and methodologies about animal behavior that have long been debunked. Behavioral problems are often are not easily solvable and require a broad knowledge of factors associated with both animals and humans. Seeking competent, qualified, professional guidance can help you achieve the best possible learning outcomes for everyone involved.

Though dogs and cats are our most frequent visitors, we will also see birds, reptiles, exotic mammals, and permitted wildlife. We can assist in the development of behavior modification techniques, environmental enrichment, management strategies, hands-on exercises, and specialized systems to improve the behavior and well-being of any animal in your care. We are committed to helping you understand your pet’s behavior and achieve realistic goals which provide safety, harmony and comfort for everyone in the home. We can also provide home-visits for an additional fee.

Please fill out our behavior consultation request form (either on paper, via email, or online through our website) as completely and accurately as possible. The information you provide will be very important in understanding the needs of your pet and family, as well as for diagnosing and treating your pet’s behavior problem.

Once we have received this form back from you, Dr. Tereza DeMuth will review and then contact you to schedule an appointment. Thank you!



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BEHAVIOR CONSULTATION REQUEST FORM

Client / Owner Information - *You must be 18 years of age or older to complete this form.*

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Spouse/Co-owner (s)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Primary Care Veterinarian(s):

Would you like your pet's medical record sent to your primary care veterinarian post-consultation? Yes No

How did you hear about us?

General Information

Pet's Name _____ Species _____ Breed _____

_____ Color _____ Age _____

_____ Weight _____

Sex: Male Female Unknown Spayed or neutered? Yes No When? _____

At what age did you obtain your pet? _____ From where? _____

For what purpose did you obtain your pet? Companion Protection Breeding Sport Other:

Describe any other animals who come into contact with this pet, including their species/age/sex and how/where they



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interact: _____

Describe any other people who come into contact with this pet, including their age and how/where they interact:

EnvironmentDetails

Describe your home layout, including how your pet is housed:

Describe your pet's typical day:

Describe your pet's personality:



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Where is your pet kept?

- When the family is home: _____
- When the family is away: _____
- When the family is asleep: _____
- When guests visit: _____

% of time spent indoors _____

% of time spent outdoors _____

How long and what times is your pet left alone / unsupervised during the day?

Have there been any recent or past changes in your pet's environment or schedule?

Moved homes or renovated / redecorated Boarded or spent time in another home Change in food, litter, or bedding

New (permanent or temporary) pet New (permanent or temporary) family/household member

Divorce / separation

New job or commitment This pet is newly adopted Other:

If so, describe the situation, and how has this affected your pet's behavior?



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Diet

When is your pet fed? _____ By whom?

Provide the exact brand and formulation/type of food(s), including measured volume per meal and percent of total diet: _____

Describe any table scraps or treats:

Medical History

Date of last physical examination: _____

Date of last bloodwork: _____

List all major surgical and/or medical history and approximate dates:

List all medications and supplements (dosage, schedule, duration) currently being taken by your pet:



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Behavior Questionnaire

Describe your pet's behavioral issue that you'd like us to address:

When and where was this behavior first noticed?

How often does it occur?

Why do you think this behavior is occurring?

Has this behavior changed/progressed over time, and how so?

What are the circumstances before and after the event, and are there any patterns you can identify around which this behavior occurs?



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What behaviors would you prefer from your pet in these situations?

What corrective strategies have you attempted so far, and what have the results been? I.E. describe how YOU respond in these situations, and any tools/tactics/discipline/medications/supplements/resources you have tried:

How does your pet handle unfamiliar people, other animals, and new environments?

Does your pet exhibit any of the other problem behaviors below?

- Incontinence / house soiling / marking Shy / fears / phobias Unruly / poor impulse control

Jumping on people

- Pulling on a lead Dietary indiscretion / getting into trash / counter surfing Obsessive compulsive or



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repetitive actions

- Separation anxiety Aggression (growling/lunging/biting) towards other dogs or animals Fighting

housemates

- Aggression (growling/lunging/biting) towards people Territorial / protective Chasing / excessive prey

drive

- Sexual / excessive humping Itching / over-grooming / self-mutilation Escaping / roaming / running

away

- Confusion / forgetting previous training / inability to recognize friends or family Pacing / aimless

wandering / circling

- Lethargy / exercise intolerance / excessive sleeping Swallowing non-food items Marking / house

soiling

- Destruction (chewing/scratching/eating) of property Excessive barking/vocalization

Other:

What commands or cues does your pet know?

Has your pet had any formal behavior class or obedience training? No Yes When?

Please describe: Class: _____ Private Instructor: _____

trained my own pet

What type of collar(s) do you use? Flat Choke / Martingale Pinch / Prong Head halter (gentle

leader)

- Body harness Corrective (shock / spray / sound / vibrating) Medicated (flea / tick) Elizabethan

collar (cone)

- Muzzle None



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Please discuss, in detail, any other information that you feel is relevant to your pet's behavior:

IMPORTANT POINTS FOR YOUR BEHAVIOR CONSULTATION:

***Please fast your pet prior to our appointment (exceptions to this include rabbits, rodents, ferrets, and if medically necessary) and bring a large bag of their favorite treats from home with you.

***Please be aware that a physical examination and some lab work may be recommended if a medical condition is suspected and/or if prescription medications are deemed an appropriate option for your pet.

***IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO, please try to capture video(s) of your pet's behavioral issue (including the events preceding and following the problem) which we can review together to try and help us understand the pet's environment, pinpoint variables at play, observe human/animal body language, identify potential triggers, and implement some management tools and strategies into practice.

We look forward to seeing you!



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