



## DOG SURRENDER QUESTIONNAIRE

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Please fill out this form as completely as possible! No one knows and loves your dog the way you do. To help us find the best new home for your dog, please provide as much detail as possible about the likes, dislikes, history, and vet care of your canine friend. Behavioral and medical issues do not necessarily create problems, but failing to disclose them certainly does!  
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Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Approximate Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Sex:  Male  Female Is your dog spayed/neutered?  Yes  No  Unsure

What kind of I.D. does your dog have? \_\_\_\_\_

Tattoo: If so, where is it located? \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip: If so, who is it registered to? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has your dog lived with you? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your dog ever bitten any person?  Yes  No Date of bite incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain circumstances that led up to the bite: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

Snapped (did not make contact) explain circumstance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Bite clothing only explain circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Bite (broke skin) explain circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Minor Bite (but neither drew blood nor left bruising) explain circumstance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Major Bite (broke skin/drew blood/bruising) explain circumstance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has your dog ever bitten another animal and drawn blood?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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

If the reason is behavior, explain the behavior and the things you have done to try to solve it: \_\_\_\_\_

If we could help resolve the issues, would you be interested in keeping the dog?  Yes  No

Where did you get this dog?  HSSW  Breeder  Stray  Pet Store  Friend/Family  Newspaper/  
Craigslist  Born in my home  Another Shelter \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you got your dog from a breeder, what is the name and location of the breeder? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attempted to return the dog from where you obtained it?  Yes  No

If yes, what was the reason they did not take it back? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you contacted any rescue groups that might help rehome your dog?  Yes  No

If yes, what was the reason they were not able to help you? \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Dog's Lifestyle

How many hours is your dog left alone?  0-3  4-6  7-10  Over 10

Was this successful?  Yes  No If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day does the dog interact with people?  1-2  2-4  4-6  6-10  Over 10

Where does your dog stay when you are not home?  Inside (free rein)  Indoor  Crate

Outside (free rein)  Outside kennel  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where does your dog spend his/her time when you are at home?  Inside (free rein)  Indoor  Crate

Outside (free rein)  Outside kennel  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how your dog was confined to your property when outside:  Fenced yard

Electronic Pet Containment (what type)  Kennel  Tied out (chain or runner)  Dog House

Never outside  Offleash  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fully-fenced yard?  Yes  No

If yes, please check all that apply:  Chain Link  Wood  Invisible Fence  Brick/Concrete

How high is the fence? \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Where does the dog sleep at night? (check all that apply):  Loose inside the house  In Garage  Outside

In child's room  On my bed  On dog bed  Confined to one room  In adult's room  Crate

On couch or chair  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you trust your dog loose in the house unsupervised?  Yes  No

If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the following if the dog has ever done any of the following:

**Adult family members**       Growled    Barked    Snapped    Bitten    Never

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Children family members**       Growled    Barked    Snapped    Bitten    Never

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Strangers at door**       Growled    Barked    Snapped    Bitten    Never

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Visiting adults**       Growled    Barked    Snapped    Bitten    Never

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Visiting children**       Growled    Barked    Snapped    Bitten    Never

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vet or groomer**       Growled    Barked    Snapped    Bitten    Never

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**People near his/her area**       Growled    Barked    Snapped    Bitten    Never

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pedestrians**       Growled    Barked    Snapped    Bitten    Never

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**People near his/her food**       Growled    Barked    Snapped    Bitten    Never

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this dog housetrained?  Yes    No    Almost (started training)

If no, check all that apply:  Urinates inside home daily    Urinates inside home occasionally

Defecates inside home daily    Defecates in home occasionally

Do your dog's housetraining accidents most happen when: (check all that apply)

When dog is not closely supervised    When dog is overexcited    When dog is not kept on a schedule

When dog is sleeping    When dog signals to be let out and is ignored    When dog is left alone for

too long  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How have you dealt with this problem? (check all that apply)

Consult vet or trainer    Paper training    Confined dog to an area    Kept dog outside

Rubbed nose in it    Yelled at dog    Spanked dog    Blamed myself    Made dog feel guilt

Acted "mad" at dog    Read up on housetraining methods

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you crate train the dog?  Yes    No

If yes, how long did the dog spend in the crate each day? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your dog ever been boarded when you are gone at:  Private boarding facility    Veterinarian

Animal shelter    No

If yes, how did your dog react to being boarded? \_\_\_\_\_

Can your dog be left outside unsupervised?  Yes    No

If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

- Is your dog permitted to sit/sleep on furniture?  Yes  No
- Does the dog jump up on people when greeting them?  Yes  No
- Is the dog constantly underfoot when food is present?  Yes  No
- Does the dog beg at the table or in the kitchen?  Yes  No
- If yes, is the behavior rewarded with food?  Yes  No

## Behavior & Training

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What training/activities did you participate in with your dog? (check all that apply)

- Obedience  Agility  Flyball  Herding  Therapy Dog  Fieldwork  Schutzhund  Weight Pull
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about the tricks and habits you have taught your dog (check all that apply)

- Basic obedience commands  Come when called  Play fetch  Walk on a loose leash
- Ride nicely in a car  Wait for food  Greet visitors politely  Take treats gently  Get off and on the furniture when asked  Other \_\_\_\_\_

What words does the dog understand?  Sit  Stay  Down/Lay  Come  Leave it  Drop it

Wait  Off  Fetch  Shake  No commands  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog run after cars, bikes or pedestrians?  Yes  No

If yes, what does the dog do when he/she gets to them? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the dog's behavior in the car (check all that apply)

- Loves it  Calm  Afraid but ok  Gets car sick  Nervous  Hates it  Tolerates it  Protective of car  Dog never rides in car  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the dog destructive if left alone inside the home?  Yes  No

- If yes, please check all that apply:  Chews woodwork/walls  Chews furniture  Chews on window frames
- Chews clothing/shoes  Gets into trash  Chews on door frames
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the dog raid the trash or other similar mischief?  Yes  No

Will the dog steal unattended food/objects from tables/counters?  Yes  No

If yes, how have you handled the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your dog walk on a leash?  Loosely  Pulls a little  Pulls a lot  Never been on a leash

Is the dog protective or possessive of any of the following? (Check all that apply)

- Food (to other pets)  Toys (to other pets)  Food (to people)  Toys (to people)  Of his/her body
- Of owner/family  Of property  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all of the following that frighten your dog:  Babies or toddlers  Men  Women

- School-age children  People in uniform  Water  Unpredictable children  Vacuums  Fireworks
- Thunder/Lightning  Loud voices/yelling  Loud noises or bangs  Veterinarian or groomer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Animals

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Please check all the animals that the dog has lived with:

- Male dogs  Female dogs
- Small Animals \_\_\_\_\_  Male cats  Female cats
- Livestock \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the dog's behavior around other dogs (check all that apply)

- Never been around dogs  Adores other dogs  Friendly/Playful  Aggressive with all dogs  Bossy
- Frightened  Ignores or is indifferent  Gentle/Submissive  Aggressive with same sex dogs
- Has bitten another dog and drawn blood  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend placing this dog in a home with other dogs?  Yes  No

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

Describe the dog's behavior around cats (check all that apply)

- Never been around cats  Respectful/Friendly/Playful  Aggressive  Has killed a cat  Frightened
- Ignores or is indifferent  Gentle/Submissive  Chases for fun  Chases to harm
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend placing this dog in a home with cats?  Yes  No

If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

If your dog has been around livestock, what was his/her reaction? (check all that apply)

- Little/No reaction  Chases (Playful)  Chases (aggressive)  Herds (playful/breed)
- Herds (aggressive)  Fearful

Would you recommend placing the dog in a home with livestock?  Yes  No

If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

## Children/Family

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Has your dog lived with children?  Yes  No

What ages of children has your dog lived with? (check all that apply)  Under 6  6-11  12-16  16 and over

Did your home have children as visitors on a regular basis?  Yes  No

If yes, what were the ages of the children? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog accept examination by children younger than 6 years old? (having ears lifted and tugged, having tail held or grabbed, fur scrunched or grabbed by children's hands?)  Yes  No

Has a child ever tripped over, stepped on, or fallen on your dog?  Yes  No

If yes, what was the dog's reaction? \_\_\_\_\_

How will your dog react to a child approaching when he/she is sleeping? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your dog possessive about where he/she sleeps?  Yes  No

If yes, what does he/she do? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend this dog live with children?  Yes  No

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend this dog live where children visit on a regular basis?  Yes  No

Describe your dog's behavior around children (check all that apply)

- Never been around children
- Friendly/Playful
- Gentle
- Nervous/Frightened
- Snappy at times
- Avoids children
- Watches over children
- Indifferent
- Too active
- Aggressive
- Unpredictable
- Excited
- Adores children
- Has bitten a child/tried to bite a child

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog allow children to touch their food without getting upset?  Yes  No

Does the dog try to take food from children when it is not offered?  Yes  No

Will the dog take treats offered by the child gently?  Yes  No

Does the dog hover nearby when the child has food?  Yes  No

Have your children fed/watered your dog on a daily basis?  Yes  No

Does your dog accept being brushed/hugged/petted by children?  Yes  No

Please describe your dog's reaction to the following happening around him/her:

A child running \_\_\_\_\_

A child falling down \_\_\_\_\_

A child jumping, hopping, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

A child yelling or screaming \_\_\_\_\_

A child swimming \_\_\_\_\_

A child waving arms or other unexpected movements \_\_\_\_\_

## Health, Grooming & Diet

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Did this dog see a veterinarian on a regular basis? (at least once a year)  Yes  No

Which clinic was the dog seen at? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the dog current on vaccinations?  Yes  No

If no, which ones are due? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the dog react going to the vet? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the dog need to be muzzled at the vet?  Yes  No

Does your dog require any medication on a regular basis?  Yes  No

If yes, what kind and for what condition? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the dog allow you to clip his/her nails?  Yes  No

Does the dog like to be brushed?  Yes  No

Are there places that he/she does not like being brushed or petted?  Yes  No

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your dog ever been professionally groomed?  Yes  No

If so, how did the dog behave? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this dog ever been hit by a car or required major surgery?  Yes  No

If yes, when and what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this dog ever been diagnosed/treated for any of the following? (check all that apply)

Heartworm Disease  Lyme Disease  Heart Murmur  Tumors  Epilepsy/Seizures  Skin allergies

Thyroid Disease  Cancer  Arthritis  Cataracts  Irritable bowel  Lupus  Food allergies

Entropion eye  Environmental allergies  Hip/elbow  Dysplasia  Ear infections  Eye infections

Other illness/condition \_\_\_\_\_

What brand of food does your dog eat? \_\_\_\_\_

How much and how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider your dog to be a picky eater?  Yes  No

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

Does your dog have any allergies/sensitivities to any grains or ingredients  Yes  No

If yes, to what? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your dog on any flea treatment?  Yes  No

If yes, what kind?  Advantage  Frontline  Revolution  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise & Play

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What are the dog's favorite kinds of toys? (check all that apply)

- Shows no interest in toys  Frisbee  Rocks  Plastic bottles  Tennis/rubber ball  Rope toys  
 Shoes  Children's toys  Plush/Stuffed toys  Kong  Squeaky toys  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What does your dog do with his/her toys? (check all that apply)

- Carries around in mouth  Shreds/tears apart  Tosses or whips back and forth  Plays "Keep Away"  
 Chews them  Retrieves for owner  Buries or hides them  Comfort behavior (licking/cuddling/suckling)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of exercise does the dog receive on a regular (several times a week) basis?

- Accompanies owner jogging  Walking on a leash  Vigorous play  Running on a leash  Swimming  
 Dog Park  Plays with other dogs  Plays with kids  Plays with adults  Agility or herding work  
 Accompanies owner walking/hiking  No exercise at all  Dog Day Care  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your dog's play style with people (check all that apply)

- Play's gently  Does not use teeth or body strength  Prefers fetch  Prefers to chase  Plays roughly,  
but stops when told  Tends to herd  Tends to nip  Jumps and uses mouth in play  No interest  
 Plays physically  Games quickly escalate out of control  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Describe your dog's play style with other dogs (check all that apply)

- Plays chase with little/no body contact
- Plays hard with hip checks/body slams
- Herds/nips others to get them to move
- Adapts to whatever the other dog is doing
- Shares toys and plays with other dogs
- Likes to play with smaller dogs
- Has to be in charge of play
- Likes to play with gentle dogs
- Hangs out with dogs rather than play
- Will play with all dogs
- Can play with more than one dog
- Barks constantly
- Can hang out with more than one dog
- Aggressive to all dogs, does not play
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you love most about your dog? Please describe endearing qualities, favorite characteristics or habits.

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What else would you like us to know about your dog?

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