# Stereotypic Behaviour Questionnaire

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| Name of the owner:       |
| Address:       |
| Phone number:       |
| Email address:       |
| Breed:       |
| Dog’s name (official):       |
| Registration number:       |
| sex: [ ]  male [ ]  female |
| Is the dog spayed/neutered: [ ]  yes  [ ]  no |

**Background information**

1. At what age did the dog enter your household?

2. Did the dog have any previous owners? Why didn’t the previous owners keep the dog?

3. Dog was acquired from [ ]  Home breeder

 [ ]  Home breeder (show dogs)

[ ]  Home breeder (working dogs)

[ ]  Large kennel

[ ]  Larger kennel (show dogs)

[ ]  Larger kennel (working dogs)

Other

4. Did the mother of your dog give birth to the litter at mother-dog’s owners home, or somewhere else e.g. in the breeder’s kennel)

[ ]  In owners home

[ ]  Not at home (e.g. In the breeder’s kennel)

[ ]  I don’t know

5. When your dog was born, was there any complications etc. with the birth?

[ ]  No

[ ]  Yes, please specify

[ ]  I don’t know

6. At what age was your dog separated from its mother? (By separation we mean the final physical separation from the mother – at latest this usually happens at the age of 7-10 week when the puppy arrives to a new home)

[ ]  under 4 weeks

[ ]  4 weeks

[ ]  5 weeks

[ ]  6 weeks

[ ]  7 weeks

[ ]  8 weeks

[ ]  9 weeks

[ ]  10 weeks

[ ]  10-12 weeks

[ ]  older than 12 weeks

[ ]  the dog still lives together with its mother

7. How did the mother of your dog take care of the puppies?

[ ]  I don’t know

[ ]  Mother took excellent care of the puppies and spent a lot of time with them

[ ]  Mother took care of the puppies reasonably well, but sometimes we had to command the mother to go to its puppies

 [ ]  At the beginning the mother spent time with the puppies, but later started to avoid spending time with its puppies

[ ]  Mother did not want to spend time with the puppies, but still weaned enough, so that we did not have to get the puppies away from the mother

[ ]  Mother did not want to spend time with the puppies, and we needed to bottle feed the puppies or use a ‘fostermother’.

How did the mother of your dog take care for the puppies? Something else

8. The socialization period: Did your dog experience the following events during the period between 7 weeks-3 months? How often?

*Events How often?*

Met strange adult dogs [ ] often [ ] sometimes [ ] never

Met strange children [ ] often [ ] sometimes [ ] never

Met strange men [ ] often [ ] sometimes [ ] never

Met strange women [ ] often [ ] sometimes [ ] never

Visited city (or other place with traffic &

many people) [ ] often [ ] sometimes [ ] never

Travelled by car [ ] often [ ] sometimes [ ] never

Travelled by train [ ] often [ ] sometimes [ ] never

Travelled by bus [ ] often [ ] sometimes [ ] never

9. Dog lives [ ]  indoors [ ]  outside/ in the kennel

[ ]  partly inside/partly in the kennel/outside [ ]  other       (please specify)

10. What does your dog eat?

[ ]  home food (specially made for the dog)

[ ]  home food (leftovers)

[ ]  commercial dog food (bought from pet shops)

[ ]  commercial dog food (bought from the supermarket)

[ ]  something else, please specify

11. Do you give your dogs extra vitamins/ dietary supplements?

[ ]  Regularly [ ]  Sometimes [ ]  Never

If you give your dog extra vitamins / dietary supplements, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. How many times does your dog get exercise in a typical day?

 [ ]  three times or more

[ ]  twice a day

[ ]  once a day

[ ]  dog is outside all the time

[ ]  something else, please specify

During the daily walks, is your dog

 [ ]  on the leach during the whole walk

 [ ]  dog is leached part of the walk, and partly dog is allowed to run free

 [ ]  dog is allowed to run free during the walks

13. How many hours/minutes does your dog get exercise in a typical day?

[ ]  three hours or more

[ ]  2-3 hours

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  30 min-1 hour

[ ]  less than 30 min

14. Activities with the dog – please specify if you do any of these with your dog

[ ]  obedience

[ ]  tracking, searching, protection

[ ]  volunteer rescue activity

[ ]  dog shows

[ ]  hunting tests

[ ]  hunting with the dog

[ ]  herding with the dog

[ ]  agility

[ ]  something else, please specify

15. Activities with the dog – how much do you spend time in activities mentioned above? (daily walking excluded)

[ ]  zero

[ ]  once a year

[ ]  1-2 times / half a year

[ ]  1-2 times / month

[ ]  1-2 times / week

[ ]  2-4 times / week

[ ]  nearly daily

16. How much does your dog spend alone in the house/kennel during the average working day?

[ ]  0 hours

[ ]  0-1 hours

[ ]  1-3 hours

[ ]  3-6 hours

[ ]  6-8 hours

[ ]  8-9 hours

[ ]  9-10 hours

[ ]  10 hours or more

17. Your household includes       adults and       children

18. How many dogs do you have at the moment (please mention breed, sex and age of the dogs)

TAIL CHASING

19. Does your dog chase its tail?

[ ]  Never observed

[ ]  Rarely (Once or twice in lifetime)

[ ]  Infrequently (less than once a month to once a year)

[ ]  Frequently (less than once a week to once monthly)

[ ]  Very frequently (every 2 days to once weekly)

[ ]  Daily

[ ]  Multiple times per day

On average, how much time on a normal day does the dog spend chasing its tail, or circling?

[ ]  0 min

[ ]  0-30 min

[ ]  30 min – 1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2-3 hours

[ ]  3-5 hours

[ ]  5 hours or more

If your dog chases its tail, please specify a typical tail chasing situation:

On average, how long does one tail chasing bout last?

[ ]  0-5 s

[ ]  5-30 s

[ ]  30 s – 1 min

[ ]  1-5 min

[ ]  5-10 min

[ ]  10-15 min

[ ]  15-30 min

[ ]  30 min -1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2 hours or more

Fly snapping, chasing shadows, or lights

20. Does your dog try to catch ‘invisible flies’, or chase shadows or lights/reflections?

[ ]  Never observed

[ ]  Rarely (Once or twice in lifetime)

[ ]  Infrequently (less than once a month to once a year)

[ ]  Frequently (less than once a week to once monthly)

[ ]  Very frequently (every 2 days to once weekly)

[ ]  Daily

[ ]  Multiple times per day

On average, how much time on a normal day does the dog spend in catching ‘invisible flies’?

[ ]  0 min

[ ]  0-30 min

[ ]  30 min – 1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2-3 hours

[ ]  3-5 hours

[ ]  5 hours or more

On average, how long does one fly snapping bout last?

[ ]  0-5 s

[ ]  5-30 s

[ ]  30 s – 1 min

[ ]  1-5 min

[ ]  5-10 min

[ ]  10-15 min

[ ]  15-30 min

[ ]  30 min -1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2 hours or more

If your dog tries to snap invisible flies, chases shadows, lights or reflections, please specify a typical situation:

Licking, chewing, biting

21.Does your dog chew, bite or lick itself excessively, or licking surfaces, furniture’s etc?

[ ]  Never observed

[ ]  Rarely (Once or twice in lifetime)

[ ]  Infrequently (less than once a month to once a year)

[ ]  Frequently (less than once a week to once monthly)

[ ]  Very frequently (every 2 days to once weekly)

[ ]  Daily

[ ]  Multiple times per day

On average, how much time on a normal day does the dog spend in licking, chewing or biting itself?

[ ]  0 min

[ ]  0-30 min

[ ]  30 min – 1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2-3 hours

[ ]  3-5 hours

[ ]  5 hours or more

On average, how long does one licking bout last?

[ ]  0-5 s

[ ]  5-30 s

[ ]  30 s – 1 min

[ ]  1-5 min

[ ]  5-10 min

[ ]  10-15 min

[ ]  15-30 min

[ ]  30 min -1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2 hours or more

If your dog chews, bites or licks itself excessively, or licks surfaces, furniture’s etc, please specify a typical situation:

Has the chewing, biting or licking caused any self-injury to the dog (e.g.acral lick dermatitis)? [ ]  yes [ ]  no [ ]  I am not sure

Ramping, pacing

22. Does your dog exhibit “ramping” (excessive, repetitive walking or running such as running in “figure eight” pattern or along fences)?

[ ]  Never observed

[ ]  Rarely (Once or twice in lifetime)

[ ]  Infrequently (less than once a month to once a year)

[ ]  Frequently (less than once a week to once monthly)

[ ]  Very frequently (every 2 days to once weekly)

[ ]  Daily

[ ]  Multiple times per day

On average, how much time on a normal day does the dog spend ramping?

[ ]  0 min

[ ]  0-30 min

[ ]  30 min – 1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2-3 hours

[ ]  3-5 hours

[ ]  5 hours or more

On average, how long does one ramping bout last?

[ ]  0-5 s

[ ]  5-30 s

[ ]  30 s – 1 min

[ ]  1-5 min

[ ]  5-10 min

[ ]  10-15 min

[ ]  15-30 min

[ ]  30 min -1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2 hours or more

If your dog runs or walks in excess and in a repetitive manner, please specify a typical situation:

Freezing, trance-like behaviour

23. Does your dog exhibit slow walking, a trance-like behaviour where the dog typically walks in slow motion under curtains or tree leaves?

[ ]  Never observed

[ ]  Rarely (Once or twice in lifetime)

[ ]  Infrequently (less than once a month to once a year)

[ ]  Frequently (less than once a week to once monthly)

[ ]  Very frequently (every 2 days to once weekly)

[ ]  Daily

[ ]  Multiple times per day

On average, how much time on a normal day exhibit trance-like behaviour?

[ ]  0 min

[ ]  0-30 min

[ ]  30 min – 1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2-3 hours

[ ]  3-5 hours

[ ]  5 hours or more

On average, how long does one trance-like behaviour bout last?

[ ]  0-5 s

[ ]  5-30 s

[ ]  30 s – 1 min

[ ]  1-5 min

[ ]  5-10 min

[ ]  10-15 min

[ ]  15-30 min

[ ]  30 min -1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2 hours or more

If your dog exhibits freezing, trance-like behaviour, please specify a typical situation:

Fixated Staring

24. Does your dog have hallucinatory staring? (The dog might get ‘stuck’ in staring at a spot for a long time)

[ ]  Never observed

[ ]  Rarely (Once or twice in lifetime)

[ ]  Infrequently (less than once a month to once a year)

[ ]  Frequently (less than once a week to once monthly)

[ ]  Very frequently (every 2 days to once weekly)

[ ]  Daily

[ ]  Multiple times per day

On average, how much time on a normal day does the dog spend hallucinatory staring?

[ ]  0 min

[ ]  0-30 min

[ ]  30 min – 1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2-3 hours

[ ]  3-5 hours

[ ]  5 hours or more

If your dog exhibits fixated staring, please specify a typical situation:

Digging

25. Does your dog dig ground/floor excessively?

[ ]  Never observed

[ ]  Rarely (Once or twice in lifetime)

[ ]  Infrequently (less than once a month to once a year)

[ ]  Frequently (less than once a week to once monthly)

[ ]  Very frequently (every 2 days to once weekly)

[ ]  Daily

[ ]  Multiple times per day

On average, how much time on a normal day does the dog spend digging?

[ ]  0 min

[ ]  0-30 min

[ ]  30 min – 1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2-3 hours

[ ]  3-5 hours

[ ]  5 hours or more

On average, how long does one digging bout last?

[ ]  0-5 s

[ ]  5-30 s

[ ]  30 s – 1 min

[ ]  1-5 min

[ ]  5-10 min

[ ]  10-15 min

[ ]  15-30 min

[ ]  30 min -1 hour

[ ]  1-2 hours

[ ]  2 hours or more

If your dog digs excessively and in a repetitive manner, please specify a typical situation:

IF YOUR DOG EXHIBITS SOME OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED BEHAVIOURS, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. PLEASE SPECIFY ON WHICH STEREOTYPIC BEHAVIOUR YOU ASNWER THE QUESTIONS (ie. tail chasing, licking, ramping, trance-like behaviour, staring or digging)?:

(IF YOUR DOG DOES NOT EXHIBIT ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED BEHAVIOURS, PLEASE MOVE TO NEXT SECTION)

26. Does the stereotypic behaviour interfere with dog’s activities and usual functioning?

[ ]  yes [ ]  no [ ]  I am not sure Please, specify

Have you ever tried to stop the behaviour?

[ ]  yes [ ]  no [ ]  I don’t remember

27. If you answered YES to the previous question, does your dog stop the behaviour, when you tell it to stop?

[ ]  yes, usually

[ ]  yes, sometimes

[ ]  yes, but the dog starts soon again

[ ]  the dog does not stop the behaviour

28. Do you give medication for your dog because of the stereotypic behaviour? If yes, please specify the medication:

29. Is there any particular situation which usually precedes the stereotypic behaviour?

[ ]  no, nothing particular

[ ]  throwing a ball

[ ]  playing, playfighting

[ ]  stress

[ ]  dog is bored, has too much energy

[ ]  frightening situation

[ ]  arrival of a guest

[ ]  certain time of the day

[ ]  something else, please specify

30. While behaving stereotypically, does the dog react to its name, or other commands?

[ ]  yes, as usual

[ ]  yes, but not as well as usual

[ ]  not usually

[ ]  no, never

31. If you dog behaves stereotypically, when did this behaviour start?

[ ]  when the dog was between 3-6 months

[ ]  when the dog was between 6 months and 1 year old

[ ]  when the dog was between 1 and 1.5 years old

[ ]  when the dog was between 1.5 and 2 years old

[ ]  when the dog was between 2 and 3 years old

[ ]  older, please specify

32. How does the tail chasing episode end? In what state is the dog? You can specify more than one option.

[ ]  I can’t really say

[ ]  normal, or nearly normal

[ ]  tired

[ ]  frightened

[ ]  aggressive

[ ]  absent

[ ]  something else, please specify

33. Is there any physical injury to the dog’s tail due to tail chasing, licking etc?

[ ]  yes [ ] no [ ]  I don’t know

34. Do you know if any of your dog’s relatives have tail chasing, or other unusual repetitive behaviour?

[ ]  don’t know

[ ]  does not have known relatives

Yes, the following relatives of dog have shown tail chasing or other unusual repetitive behaviours (indicate all that apply):

[ ]  mother

 [ ]  please specify what stereotypic behaviour:

[ ]  father

 [ ]  please specify what stereotypic behaviour:

[ ]  sister

 [ ]  please specify what stereotypic behaviour:

[ ]  brother

 [ ]  please specify what stereotypic behaviour:

[ ]  grandmother

 [ ]  please specify what stereotypic behaviour:

[ ]  grandfather

 [ ]  please specify what stereotypic behaviour:

[ ]  daughter

 [ ]  please specify what stereotypic behaviour:

[ ]  son

 please specify what stereotypic behaviour:

[ ]  other

Can you think of any other important information that might be related to your dog’s tail chasing behaviour?

DISEASES AND OTHER BEHAVIOUR

35. Does your dog have any of the following diseases:

[ ]  Epilepsy [ ]  Diabetes

[ ]  Allergies (e.g. food) [ ]  Demodex mites or demodicosis

[ ]  Hypothyroidism [ ]  Glaucoma

[ ]  Pancreatic insufficiency [ ]  Liver malfunction

[ ]  Recurrent infections [ ]  Hereditary cataract

[ ]  PRA (progressive retinal atrophy) [ ]  Malocclusion

[ ]  Perianal fistula [ ]  Congenital heart failure

[ ]  Cancer, what kind of?       [ ]  Something else:

36. Has your dog ever exhibited fierce aggressive behaviour (episodic aggression), out of proportion to the situation in which it occurs or without any specific reason?

[ ]  yes [ ]  no [ ]  I don’t know

 If your answered YES to the previous question, please specify a typical situation in which episodic aggression occurs: