

Dog pre-admission template

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(for use by pounds and shelters when someone has found the animal/does not know its history or it has been impounded)

Questions	Answers
1 Where did you find the animal?	
2 Did the animal approach you in response to being called or when it saw you? If not, what did the animal do when you approached?	
3 Did the animal eat when offered food (if applicable)? If so, how did they approach the food?	
4 Were you able to pat and hold the animal? If so, how did they respond?	
5 Who transported the animal to the rehoming organisation and how?	
6 What did the animal do during transportation?	

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Questions	Answers
7 What did the animal do when it saw another animal (if applicable)?	
8 What did the animal do when it saw another person besides you (if applicable)?	
9 What environments did you expose the animal to? (your backyard, closed room in a house etc)	
10 How long was the animal in your care?	
11 Is there any other information about the animal you would like to provide?	

Dog surrender information

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(for use by a previous owner/owner agent surrendering the dog)

Questions	Yes/No	Further information
1 What is the reason for surrendering the dog?		
2 If known, where was the dog originally acquired (e.g. breeder, shelter, rescue)? How long was it at this location?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
3 If known, where has the dog previously lived? If possible, include the length of time at each location.	☐ Yes ☐ No	
4 Does the dog have any known injuries, medical conditions or behavioural issues?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
5 Does the dog have a particular daily routine? If yes, what is it?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
6 Does the dog have any favourite activities or toys? If yes, what are they?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
7 What type of food is the dog given? Do they have any favourite foods? Are there any foods that cause an adverse reaction (i.e. diarrhoea)?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
8 Is the dog toilet-trained?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
9 What environment did the dog live in? (for example: city, suburban house, apartment, rural property). What is the dog's typical behaviour in their home?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
10 Has the dog lived with other cats/dogs/animals before? If yes, what animals? What were their breeds and ages?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
11 If applicable, how does the dog typically behave when interacting or living with other dogs?	☐ Yes ☐ No	

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Questions	Yes/No	Further information
12 If applicable, how does the dog typically behave when interacting or living with other types of animals? (for example, does it chase small animals or is it calm and friendly?)	☐ Yes ☐ No	
13 Has the dog lived with other people before? If yes, what age were the people (children, elderly)? How does the dog typically behave when interacting with these people?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
14 Did the dog interact regularly with unknown people? Was this in their own home or in public? How did they behave when interacting with unknown people?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
15 Does the dog have any basic training (e.g. crate trained, lead trained, sit, drop)?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
16 Has the dog ever bitten another dog or person before? Provide details	☐ Yes ☐ No	
17 Have there been any behavioural challenges with the dog (e.g. fear, aggression, separation anxiety or excessive barking)? If yes, what were the challenging behaviours? When did they occur? If yes, have there been any attempts to address the challenge (either through formal intervention or in the home/institution)?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
18 How does the dog behave while at the vet or groomers?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
19 How does the dog behave while travelling in the car?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
20 Are there any situations or circumstances in which the dog's behaviour differs from what is described above?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
21 What is the name and phone number of your current vet? Could you please provide consent for us to contact your vet to obtain medical records?	☐ Yes ☐ No	

In enclosure

Questions	Observations (tick those that apply)							Notes
	Calm. No visible signs of fear or aggression (wagging tail, interacting, responsive)	Some signs of fear (avoiding eye contact, tail between legs)	Some signs of aggression (growling, stiff body posture)	Moderate signs of fear (cowering, whimpering, shaking)	Moderate signs of aggression (baring teeth, snapping)	High signs of fear (active attempts to escape or hide)	High signs of aggression (attempts to bite, biting)	(record any relevant contextual details about the observed behaviour, e.g. gender of the animal attendant, time of day, whether the observation occurred during a busy or quiet period etc.)
How does the animal react when you approach the enclosure?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react when you open the enclosure?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react when you enter the enclosure?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react if it can see another animal?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react when it is being fed or is offered food?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Is the animal displaying any challenging or concerning behaviour (such as excessive barking, attempts to escape, significant withdrawal, repetitive behaviours or health issues)? Are attempts being made to address this?								
Has the animal's behaviour in the enclosure changed since the last time observations were taken? If yes, what have been some key changes?								

Daily Behavioural Monitoring

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Outside of enclosure

Questions	Observations <i>(tick those that apply)</i>							Notes
	No visible signs of fear or aggression (wagging tail, interacting, responsive)	Some signs of fear (avoiding eye contact, tail between legs)	Some signs of aggression (growling, stiff body posture)	Moderate signs of fear (cowering, whimpering, shaking)	Moderate signs of aggression (baring teeth, snapping)	High signs of fear (active attempts to escape or hide)	High signs of aggression (attempts to bite, biting)	(record any relevant contextual details about the observed behaviour, e.g. whether the dog was on a lead, the behaviour of other dogs that were present etc.)
How does the animal react when known or unknown people approach?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react to other animals?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react if you attempt to play?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal respond if you attempt training?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Is the animal displaying any challenging or concerning behaviour (such as excessive barking, attempts to escape, withdrawal or health issues)? Are attempts being made to address this through training, behaviour modification and/or veterinary prescribed behavioural medication?								
Is the animal responding and learning from attempts to train in basic behaviours (toilet training, sit, stay, lead training)?								
Has the animal's behaviour outside of its enclosure changed since the last time observations were taken? If yes, what have been some key changes?								

Daily Behavioural Monitoring

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Questions	Observations (tick those that apply)								
	Neutral or positive (wagging tail, interacting, responsive, "friendly")	Some signs of fear (avoiding eye contact, tail between legs)	Some signs of aggression (growling, stiff body posture)	Moderate signs of fear (cowering, whimpering, shaking)	Moderate signs of aggression (baring teeth, snapping)	High signs of fear (active attempts to escape or hide, barking or yelping)	High signs of aggression (attempts to bite, biting) <i>Note: if an animal displays aggressive behaviour, it must be returned to the care of the shelter/pound or pet rehoming organisation.</i>	Not applicable	Notes
How does the animal react when people approach it (eg. for a pat)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react around children?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react around elderly people?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react to other animals?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react if you attempt to play with it?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

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How does the animal react when left alone at home?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react when left at home with another person or animal?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal respond when offered food or when eating?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal respond to vet visits?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

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Is the animal displaying any challenging or concerning behaviour (such as excessive barking or attempts to escape)?	
Has the animal's behaviour changed since the last time these observations were taken? If yes, what have been some key changes?	
What do you think would be a suitable home environment for this animal?	

For dogs in care:

What does the dog do when taken for a walk? For example, are they reactive to other animals encountered on the walk, or do they pull excessively on the lead?	
Has the dog been taken to an off-lead dog park? How did it respond to other people and dogs?	
Is the dog responding and learning from attempts to train basic behaviours? (house training, sit and stay)	