

## Cat's Behavior History

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability as it relates to your cat(s) and his/her behavior issue.

### General Information

Client's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_ Neutered/Spayed? \_\_\_

Is your cat declawed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, front only or all four paws? \_\_\_  
If yes, were there any complications with the surgery (i.e. infection)?

Does your cat go outdoors? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what percentage of time does your cat spends outdoors? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is access limited? (i.e. leash, cat door, balcony/deck) \_\_\_\_\_

What brand of food does your cat currently eat? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you feed dry food? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you feed canned food? \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you feed your cat? (i.e. food out all the time, meals, timed feeder, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Who referred you to us? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your regular veterinarian?

Dr. : \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact them for your records? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you visited this veterinarian for this problem? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cat's Background**

Why did you decide to get a cat?

Why this particular breed, sex, color?

How old was the cat when it was acquired?

Where did you get this cat? (i.e. SPCA, Humane Society, Pet Store, Breeder, Friend, Stray, Gift, etc.)

If known, describe your cat's behavior as a kitten.

Has your cat had other owners? If known, how many?

Why was the cat given up?

How long have you had this cat?

### **Behavior Problem**

What is your main behavior problem or complaint?

When did this problem start?

Do you recall anything specific at the onset of the behavior problem?  
(i.e. moving, birth of a child, houseguests, construction, parties, etc.)

How frequently does the problem (or problems) occur?

Has the problem changed in frequency or intensity?

What have you done so far to correct the problem?

How do you discipline your cat for this problem?

Rate this problem on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the worst).

Are there any secondary problems or concerns?

**Elimination Behavior**

How often does your cat use the litter box?

Occasionally \_\_\_\_ Never \_\_\_\_ Only urinates \_\_\_\_ Only defecates \_\_\_\_ Always \_\_\_\_

If your cat does not consistently use the litter box, where in the house are they eliminating?

How many times a day does your cat urinate? Describe the size of the urine clumps.

How many times a day does your cat defecate? Describe the stools (size of fecal balls, amount, firm, soft, formed, runny, etc.).

How many litter boxes do you have?

What type of litter boxes are they (indicate number)?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial litter box (size: \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial litter box with removable "lip"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Covered box, "cave"-type front door
- \_\_\_\_\_ Covered box, "Booda" type (cat crawls into hole)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Automatic litter box (i.e. Littermaid)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please describe)

How old is each litter box?

Where are the litter boxes?

What type of liners do you use?

How often do you scoop the litter box?

How often do you completely empty and scrub the box clean?

What type of cleaning products do you use?

Do you then refill it with clean litter?

What brand of litter do you use?

What type (Check all that apply):

Scoopable/Clumping

Non-scoopable

Scented

Unscented

Crystal

Pine

Other; Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

If litter is non-scoopable, do you scoop out urine or mix it in with the remaining litter?

How long have you been using this brand?

Do you change brands often? If yes, what other brands have you tried?

Does your cat dig in the litter before eliminating?

Does your cat cover urine and feces in the litter box?

Does your cat squat, stand or perch on the edge of the box when eliminating?

Do you add deodorizers to the box (i.e. baking soda)?

Do you have a litter step out matt, other tray or newspapers around the litter boxes?

### **Home Environment**

Please list all people, including you, living in the household include ages and their relationship/role in caring for the cat:

Please list all animals in the household, include ages, breeds and any information you feel may be relevant:

What is your cat's relationship to the other animals (i.e. friendly, hostile, fearful)? Please describe.

Have you moved since acquiring your cat? If yes, how many times?

Where does your cat sleep at night?

### **Social Behavior**

Where is your cat when alone in the house?

How does your cat behave when you return home?

Where is your cat when you have guests?

How does your cat behave with adult visitors?

How does your cat react to visiting children?

How does your cat respond to other cats seen out of the window or in the yard?

How does your cat behave at the veterinarian?  
How would you describe your cat's overall personality?

When does your cat hiss or growl?

Does your cat bite you? If yes, what are you doing when this happens?

Does your cat scratch you? If yes, what are you doing when this happens?

Does your cat vocalize?

If yes, does it happen excessively? At what time of the day?

**Play Behavior**

What is your cats overall activity level?

What toys does your cat prefer?

Does your cat carry toys/objects around the house or "mother" other animals or objects?

Does your cat chew/suckle/lick strange objects or clothing?

How do you play with your cat?

Does your cat have a favorite scratching post or scratching area? If yes, please describe the post or area. Include height, substrate and location.

Do you have cat condos? If yes, please describe the type of condos, where they are located and if your cats use them.

Do you trim you cat's nails?

Does your cat scratch on anything you wish he/she would not?

### **Sexual Behavior**

At what age was your cat spayed or neutered?

Were there any complications with the surgery?

Were there any behavior changes after the surgery?

Does your cat mount other cats, objects or people?

If female, does your cat vocalize, flag her tail (whipping from side to side) or tread (make biscuits) with her back feet?

If your cat is "intact" has he/she ever been bred?

Are you planning to breed your cat in the future?

### **Grooming Behavior**

Does your cat groom, lick or bite himself excessively?

Does your cat have bald patches? If yes, where are they located?

Does your cat's skin ripple?

Does your cat chew or suckle its tail?

Would you say your cat is a good groomer? (i.e. coat is well maintained without you having to brush or bathe it)

**Daily Routine**

Have there been any changes in your routine lately?

Have any recent activities been stressful to your cat? (i.e. parties or construction)

Who feeds your cat?

Where does your cat drink?

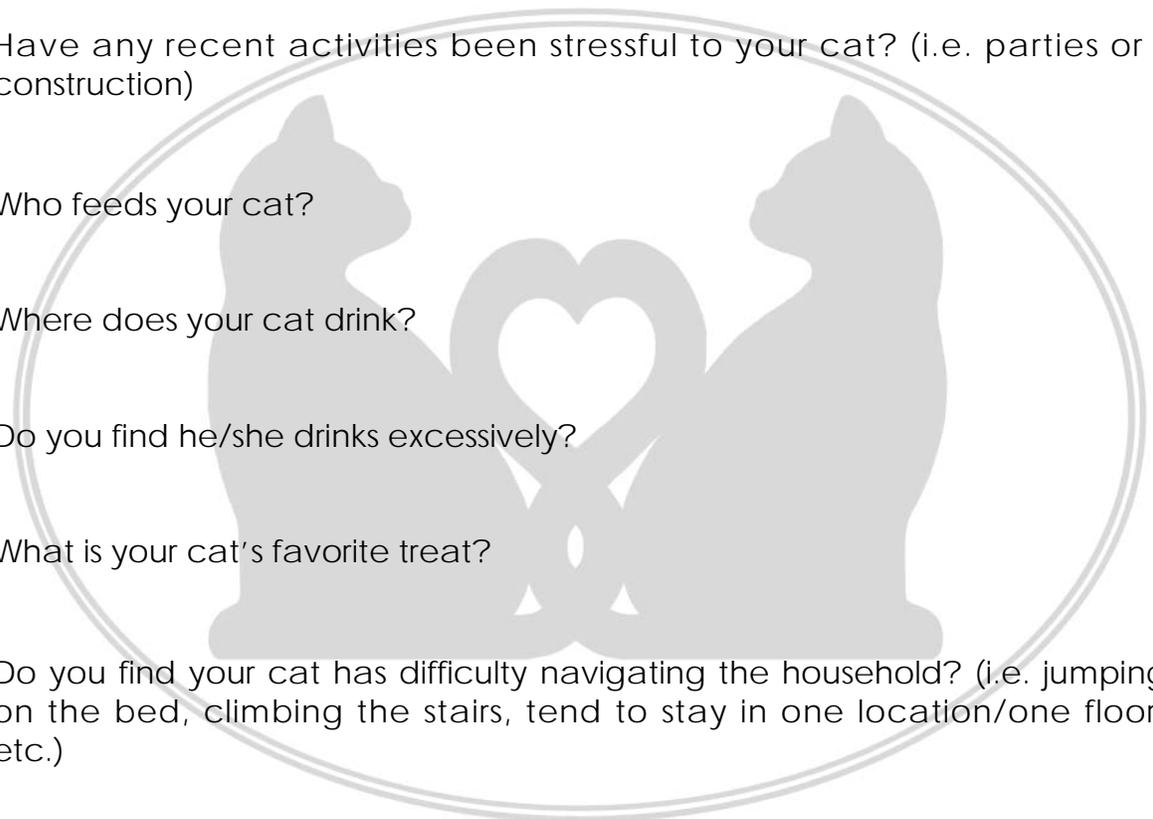
Do you find he/she drinks excessively?

What is your cat's favorite treat?

Do you find your cat has difficulty navigating the household? (i.e. jumping on the bed, climbing the stairs, tend to stay in one location/one floor, etc.)

Is your cat currently on any medication?

Has your cat been on medications in the past? If yes, please list the medication, dosage and what it was prescribed for.



If this problem continues, I will:

- Ignore it
- Continue to seek help and work on the problem
- Give my cat away
- Put my cat outside
- Euthanize my cat

**Home Diagram**

Please provide a diagram of your house. A basic floor plan using simple boxes is sufficient. Please be sure to include the following: location of litter boxes, food, water, cat condos, access to windows, doorway thresholds between rooms, rooms that cat is not allowed access to and any soiled areas if you are filling this out for elimination issues.

