

**Feline Initial Behavior Consultation History Form for Fosters**

Please return the completed questionnaire as a Word document or PDF.

**NOTE: For animals that belong to a shelter/rescue, a representative that has the legal authority to make decisions for the animal must be present for the appointment or give prior permission.**

**General Information**

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| Foster(s) first and last name(s) |  |
| Rescue/Shelter name |  |
| Date of appointment |  |
| Email address(es) | Foster:  Rescue/shelter: |
| Who referred you? |  |

**Basic Pet Information**

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| Feline’s name |  |
| Age (indicate months or years) |  |
| Breed |  |
| Sex | ☐ Male ☐ Female |
| Spay or neutered? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Weight (indicate pounds or kilograms) |  |
| Age and/or date when acquired |  |
| Source | ☐ Owner surrender ☐ Stray ☐ Return-to-rescue/shelter  ☐ Unknown ☐ Other: |
| History prior to acquisition, if known |  |
| What is the cat’s response to changes in the environment or subtle, sudden noises? |  |
| Does the cat have any difficulty settling within the home? |  |

**Medical History**

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| Primary care veterinarian information | Clinic name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Veterinarian’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| Date of last veterinary visit: |  | |
| Has the cat had baseline blood work (CBC, chemistry) performed within the past year? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Date of last blood work: | |
| *Please list the cat’s current medications, supplements, or other treatments below* | | |
| Name of heartworm preventative |  | |
| Name of flea/tick preventative |  | |
| **Name** | **Dose** (in mg) | **Frequency** (e.g. once daily, as needed) |
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| Has the cat previously been prescribed medications, supplements, or pheromones for his/her behavior that is not listed above? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, please list the name, date started, date discontinued, dose, and effects: | |
| Any medical conditions? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Explain: | |
| Any current or history of pain (limping, difficulty getting up or lying down, resistance using stairs, slowing down on walks)? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Explain: | |
| Have you noticed the cat exhibiting any of the following recently? | ☐ Itching ☐ Vomiting ☐ Diarrhea  ☐ Other: | |
| Does the cat have or ever had seizures? | ☐ Yes ☐ No | |
| Current diet | Brand:  Amount and frequency: | |
| Describe the cat’s appetite | ☐ Excessive ☐ Good/Average ☐ Poor  Explain: | |
| Does the cat have any confirmed or suspected food allergies or sensitivities?  Note: We will offer treats during the appointment based on this answer. | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Explain: | |

**Current Behavior Problems**

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| Describe the main behavioral concerns for the cat. Provide details surrounding the problem (e.g. location, people or animals involved, frequency, etc.)?  *If aggression is involved, more information will be collected below.* |  |
| How old was the cat when it started? |  |

**Foster Household Occupants**

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| Name | Age & Relationship to you | Occupation | | Relationship with cat (e.g. follows around, trains, no interaction, etc.) |
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| Have you fostered cats before? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, have they had behavior problems?  ☐ Yes ☐ No | | | |
| **Household Pets (aside from cat presenting for evaluation)** | | | | |
| Name | Species | | Age, Breed, Sex, Neuter status | Interactions with patient |
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| What type of home do you reside in? | ☐ Apartment/Condo ☐ Townhouse ☐ Single family house  ☐ Other: | | | |
| How many rooms are in your home? |  | | | |

**Daily Activities**

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| Have there been any changes in your household routine since acquiring the cat? (e.g. new job, new work schedule, new baby, etc.)? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Explain: |
| Where does the cat spend the most time in the home? |  |
| Is the cat ever confined? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes:  During what situations?  With which method (e.g., crate, baby gate, behind a door)?  What is their response? |
| How often do you play with the cat? | ☐ Never ☐ 1-2 times per day ☐ Multiple times per day  ☐ Other: |
| Is the cat playful?  What kinds of toys does he/she like? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Explain: |
| How does the cat respond to catnip? |  |
| Have you performed any training with the cat? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, what training? |
| How do you correct the cat when he/she misbehaves? |  |
| What types of training aides have you used (e.g. spray bottle, loud noise, treats)? | Currently:  Previously: |
| Is the cat allowed to go outside? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, where do they spend time, for how long, and is access controlled by you? |

**Aggression (if applicable)**

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| Describe specific incidents of aggression including the pet’s age, people/animals involved, and location.  *Please provide a description of your dog’s body language (e.g., growling, barking, lunging, biting, etc.).* |  |
| How do you typically respond to these incidents? |  |
| What is the cat’s reaction to your response? |  |
| How frequently does this type of incident occur? | ☐ Multiple times per day ☐ Daily  ☐ Several times per week ☐ Weekly  ☐ Monthly ☐ A few times per year |
| What has been done to address the problem? |  |
| The problem is getting: | ☐ Better ☐ Worse ☐ No change |
| Has the cat made contact with an individual during the aggression? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, what type of injury?  ☐ Scratch ☐ Bruise ☐ Puncture(s)  ☐ Tear |
| How many times has the cat bitten a person, cat, dog, or other animal? | Person:  Animal: |
| If the cat has a bite history, how many times did a bite break skin? | Person:  Animal: |
| If the cat has a bite history, was any incident reported to Animal Control or other authorities? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, to whom? |
| Is there any legal action pending because of this cat? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, which incident(s)? |
| If not already described, please explain the bite incidents. |  |

**Interaction with Unfamiliar People and Animals**

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| What is the cat’s response to visitors? |  |
| Where is the cat when visitors are present? Is it by choice? |  |
| How often do you see other cats outside your home? | ☐ Daily ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never |
| What is the cat’s response to seeing unfamiliar cats outside, if applicable? |  |

**Elimination Behavior *(only fill out if the cat is eliminating outside of the litter box)***

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| How many litter boxes are in your home? |  |
| Please provide the following details for each litterbox:   1. Location 2. Type 3. Size 4. Litter type 5. Whether a liner is present | Box 1:  Box 2:  Box 3:  Box 4:  Box 5: |
| Have there been any recent changes to the litter boxes? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, please describe them: |
| How often is waste scooped out? |  |
| How often is the litter replaced? |  |
| How often is the box completely emptied out and washed? |  |
| What do you use to clean/wash the litter box itself? |  |
| Does the cat prefer to use a freshly cleaned litter box? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Will the cat eliminate in the presence of people or other animals? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Does the cat bury his/her eliminations? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Does the cat scratch and dig in and around the box? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Does the cat ever run out of the box after eliminating? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| **Problem elimination behavior** | |
| What is the cat leaving outside the litter box? | ☐ Urine ☐ Feces ☐ Both  Frequency: |
| How long has this behavior been occurring? |  |
| What time of day do you usually find the deposits outside the box? |  |
| When the problem first began, do you recall any unusual incident at the time or something that may have upset the cat (in the environmental or medically)? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, please explain: |
| Have you ever witnessed the cat eliminating outside the litter box? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| What is your response when the cat eliminates outside of the litter box? |  |
| If the cat is urinating outside the litter box, where does it occur? | ☐ Vertical surfaces (e.g., walls, curtains)  ☐ Horizontal surfaces (e.g., floor, carpet) |
| How do you clean eliminations outside of the litter box? |  |
| Has the cat had urinary tract infections or other urinary issues? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, please explain: |
| When was the last time a urine sample was examined by a veterinarian? |  |
| What has been done in the past (medical, environmental, behavioral) to change this behavior? |  |
| Has anything been effective in decreasing or eliminating the problem? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, please explain: |

**Scratching Behavior**

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| Is the cat declawed? | ☐ No ☐ Front only ☐ All four feet  If yes, at what age? |
| Do you have scratching posts? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, what type (orientation, material) and where are they located? |
| Does the cat use the scratching posts? | ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A |
| Does the cat scratch in undesirable locations? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, where and what have you tried to stop it? |

**Other Behaviors**

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| Does the cat lick their lips or yawn more often that you would expect? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Does the cat lick or chew his/her body more than you would expect? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Explain: |
| Does the cat lick other objects or people more than you would expect? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Explain: |
| Does the cat display any reaction to noises such as thunderstorms, fireworks, or other loud noises? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Explain: |
| Does the cat ever chase his/her tail, go after lights/shadows, show skin twitching, or snap at the air when nothing is present? | ☐ Yes ☐ No  Explain: |
| Describe the cat’s behavior at the veterinary clinic. |  |
| Describe any other behaviors you find concerning that you have not yet mentioned. |  |
| Please tell us about your favorite qualities and interactions that you have with the cat! |  |

**Future Considerations**

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| What are your goals for treatment? |  |
| Does this cat have any potential adopters? |  |
| What restrictions will be set for a future adopter? |  |
| Any other information you want to mention regarding future adoption. |  |

**Layout of the home**

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| If you think it will be helpful, please draw a map or layout of your home and attach it to the end of this document or submit it separately. Indicate the location of the following areas: food, water, litter boxes, rest areas, cat trees, scratching posts, windows, and doors. You can email this to us ahead of time or bring it to the appointment. |

**Thank you for completing this form for your consultation!**

**We look forward to working with you.**