

Instructions for filling out the Client Questionnaire

Please fill out the questionnaire and return it to me within three days. If I don't get your completed questionnaire and a good photo (or photos) within three days, I may not have time to complete my work with your animal(s) before your scheduled follow-up phone call, and your call will have to be rescheduled.

You will be asked to list any concerns (behavioral, physical, spiritual, etc.) for your animal(s) that have prompted you to enlist my help.

You will also be asked to list five questions for each animal in the session, and your goals for the session.

Please be as specific and complete as possible. If you are interested in testing my skills by giving me vague questions and hoping I will somehow find out what you want me to know, that is your prerogative. If your goal for the session is to test me, that is fine. The price is exactly the same as when your goal for the session is to get the help you need.

Example of how to write about your concerns/questions/goals to obtain the most possible feedback: My dog, Rex, is aggressive to our other two dogs, especially during feeding time, but also as the dogs are going in or out any doorway or narrow space. We have had a lot of problems, especially in the morning when the dogs are going from the bedroom hallway (they all sleep in the master bedroom where they get along fine) to the living area. He hasn't actually bitten any of the other dogs, but I am afraid he will because we had to grab him by the collar to keep him from connecting with our smallest dog, Jenny, last week. His aggression started almost a year ago shortly after we moved from our old house to a condo, but it has escalated, especially since our oldest dog, Tony, died six months ago. Rex also has lunged at a couple of dogs we've met on our daily walks in the new neighborhood, while he ignores others. My questions for Rex are:

1. Why did you become more aggressive when we moved to the condo? (It is actually bigger than the old house, and they go on daily walks, which we didn't do when we had a back yard. He really seems to enjoy the walks.)
2. Why do you seem to be meaner to Jenny than you are to Rose?
3. What can the human family members (me, my husband Jerry, and our kids, Jane—age ten—and Joe—age five) do to help you be nicer to the other dogs?
4. Why are you aggressive to some dogs we meet on our walks but not others?
5. What is your relationship with our other two dogs—Jenny and Rose?

My goals for the session are for Rex to be kind to the other dogs in our household, and to any dogs we come across during our daily walks.

How to take a good photo for the purpose of animal communication:

A good photo is: Recent. Clear. Candid. Eyes looking at the camera.

A good photo is not: Ancient. Fuzzy. Posed/forced. Eyes obscured by flash or looking away.

DO NOT USE A FLASH. A flash obscures part of the eye, if not all of it, and the eyes--windows to the soul--are the best/easiest/fastest way to obtain a deep connection with the animal. A photo taken in natural daylight works best.

If you send old, blurry, fuzzy photos, or a photo made with a flash, you will have to re-take / re-send your photos and your session may have to be rescheduled.

Examples of good photos:

