



Help with your 4 legged kid!

## **Canine Behavior Questionnaire (CBQ)**

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### **How privates work**

If you are seeking positive training and behavior modification for a behavior issue related to fear, anxiety or aggression, please fill out the Canine Behavior Questionnaire (CBQ). For basic behaviors (like come or loose leash walking), a CBQ is not required.

### **CBQ**

The CBQ can be found on the smrtdog website (home page) under Private Consultations. It is a lengthy document and provides the canine behavior consultant with lots of background information and history of the dog.

### **IMPORTANT**

The online form **MUST** be filled out on a desktop or laptop, **NOT** a tablet or smartphone. As you are filling out the fields you will not be able to save your work. Make sure that you have adequate time to sit down and fill out the CBQ in its entirety.

### **CBQ Payment**

The non-refundable fee for the canine behavior consultant to review the CBQ is \$75. The CBQ will not be save OR sent to the behavior consultant until payment is received. When you get to the end of the CBQ form, you will be prompted for payment. You do **NOT** need a PayPal account to submit payment. The PayPal button says "please choose a payment option."

After you fill out the CBQ and submit payment, you will receive feedback, educational hand outs, and possible recommendations that address the specific issue within 48 hours. The CBQ is **NOT** meant to replace a private consultation, but rather see if the pet owner and the behavior consultant are a good fit.

Depending on the severity of the behavior issue, there can be a considerable amount of Q&A between the pet owner and the canine behavior consultant in the form of emails. The behavior consultant will ask additional questions during this process to minimize the need to take notes at the initial private session. Less note taking during a session, means more practical, hands on training.

**Cost** - Hourly rate is \$175/hr. A package of 5 one hour sessions is \$725. (Discount of 20%)

### **Payment for Private(s)**

IF both parties, the pet owner and the canine behavior consultant, decide that a private session would be beneficial, then the cost of the first session is \$100 instead of \$175.



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Payment is due PRIOR to the first session. If you pay for private sessions using PayPal or Venmo, make sure that you are sending the money to the correct email address. For PayPal the correct email is [jamie@smrtdog.com](mailto:jamie@smrtdog.com). For Venmo the correct handle is @Jamie-Bozzi.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### How many sessions are required?

This depends on what issues you are having with your dog. Explaining and demonstrating how to teach simple foundation behaviors can be accomplished in one private session. However, the pet owner must practice the techniques taught.

Explaining, demonstrating and reviewing proper management and training / Bmod techniques for more severe types of behavior requires more time and resources. How the dog responds to the initial training session(s) will give the canine behavior consultant a better idea of length of time needed to reach training goals.

### What is the success rate?

Successful outcomes – reaching your training goals – depends on several factors: dog's learning ability, motivating factors like food and toys, your comfort level with the action plan, and your commitment to the training and behavior change plan.

### Realistic Training Goals

It is important for the pet owner to have realistic expectations based on the dog's age, breed, learning history, developmental stage, and severity of the problem. For example, your dog has bitten several people and dogs and your goal is to have a dog that is perfectly safe around all dogs and all people. This is not a realistic goal. Another example would be your dog is reactive (barking and lunging) at other dogs while on leash. Your goal is to be able to walk your dog in the neighborhood with less reactivity. That is a reasonable goal.

### Important

"Behavior is not something you fix. You can't unlearn what you have learned. It will always be in your learning history, but you can build a stronger and more recent history for different behavior." Agnieszka Janarek

### Reframe the goal

For example, if your dog pulls on leash, don't focus on stopping the pulling behavior. Instead, focus on teaching your dog the skill of making eye contact with you while moving. Teach a connection and focus game. Teach your dog what TO DO. Focus on small successes and build on what is working.