

Feline Behavioral History Questionnaire – VITAL VET ANIMAL HOSPITAL

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Elimination Habits

- 1) Does your cat's urine or stools ever appear abnormal, either inside or outside of the box? _____
- 2) Does your cat have any history of urinary or gastrointestinal tract problems, including a urinary tract infection or obstruction, constipation, or diarrhea?

- 3) Does your cat urinate outside the box? If so, please list all locations.

- 4) If your cat urinates outside the box, have you ever witnessed it? If so, please describe your cat's posture (i.e., squatting vs. standing, tail down and to the side vs. erect) _____
- 5) Does your cat have bowel movements outside of the litter box? If so, please list all locations. _____
- 6) Are there certain objects or materials outside of the box on which your cat will eliminate? If so, what? _____
- 7) Does your cat cover up his eliminations in the litter box? _____
- 8) Does your cat ever show scratching or digging behaviors before eliminating outside the box? _____
- 9) What products do you use to clean areas where your cat has soiled?

Litter Box Details

- 1) How many litter boxes do you have? _____
- 2) Where are the litter boxes located? _____
- 3) What type of litter do you use? Is this a clumping litter? _____
- 4) Do some or all of your litter boxes have covers? _____
- 5) Do some or all of your litter boxes have liners? _____
- 6) How deep is the litter in the box? _____
- 7) How often do you scoop the urine or stools from the box? _____
- 8) How often do you empty the entire contents of the box and clean it?

Environmental Details

10) Please list all the people living in your household. _____

11) Please list all the animals in the household in the order in which they were obtained _____

12) If you have a multiple cat household, do you ever notice staring, growling, hissing, chasing, or fighting between any of your cats?

13) How does your pet react to strangers? _____

14) How does your cat react to loud noises? _____

15) Has your household changed since acquiring this pet? If so, when and how?

16) Was anything unusual going on in your cat's environment before the onset of the elimination problem? _____

17) Does your cat have access to the outdoors? _____

18) If you cat is strictly indoors, does he have visual access to outdoor cats? If so, what is his reaction? _____