



Pet Selection Consultation Services

Congratulations! Bringing a new pet into your home is not only exciting and rewarding, but challenging as well. We want to help you make the best possible choice as you select your new best friend. There is no better way to ensure a happy match than to enlist some professional help!

This questionnaire is designed to help us understand your needs and preferences so that we can help you choose a pet that will suit your personality and mesh with your lifestyle; a pet who can truly be a lifetime friend for you and your family.

Please fill out this questionnaire and return it before your appointment so that we can review it prior to meeting with you. Your entire family (as well as any existing pets you may have) are welcome to attend. Please plan on spending approximately 45 minutes in your consultation.

As an added thank you for allowing us to help you make this very important decision wisely, your consultation fee includes a **COMPLIMENTARY FIRST PET EXAM**. We want to be the first to welcome your new pet home.

We look forward to serving you!

Morris Animal Hospital Pet-Selection Counseling Form

Name:

Date:

Part 1: Lifestyle

1. Household members (names, ages):

2. Current household pets (type, gender, age):

3. Previous household pets (type, gender, age) and reason you no longer have this/these pet(s):

4. How often do adults visit your home?

- Daily
- Numerous times weekly
- 1-4 times monthly
- Infrequently

5. How often do children or teens visit?

- Daily
- Numerous times weekly
- 1-4 times monthly
- Infrequently

6. Would you say your current lifestyle is:

- Very Hectic
- Moderately busy / controllable
- Calm / quiet

7. Does anyone in your family have special needs?

- Yes No
- If yes, please specify:

8. Is anyone in your home allergic to animals?

- Yes No
- If yes, please specify:

9. Are there any major family changes in your near future?

- Birth of a child
- Household move
- Schedule change
- Marital change
- Other

Part 2: Care and Maintenance

10. You live:

- In a house
- In an apartment
- On a farm
- Other:

11. What is your approximate yard size?

- Large (acre or more)
- Medium
- Small
- No yard to speak of

12. What type of fencing is around your yard?

- Chain-link
- Invisible Fence
- Privacy
- No fence

13. Where will your pet spend most of his time?

- Indoors
- Outdoors
- 50/50

14. How will a pet be managed in your back yard?

- Fence
- Tie-out
- Not sure

15. What will your pet's indoor areas include?

- Full access to rooms
- Limited access to rooms
- Allowed on furniture
- Allowed on some furniture

16. Where will your pet sleep?

- Crate
- His/her own bed
- Family member's bed
- Outside
- Other:

17. How long will your pet be left alone during the day?

- < 1 hour
- 4 hours or less
- 8 hours or less
- > 8 hours
- Variable

18. Where will your pet be kept when you are not home?

- Crate
- Outside
- Free access to house
- Specific room

19. How much time do you plan on interacting with your dog daily? (training, playing, grooming, exercise, etc.)

- less than 1 hour
- 1-2 hours
- more than 3 hours

20. Prioritize 3 activities you would like to do with your pet (jogging, swimming, agility training, etc):

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

21. How often will you walk your pet off your property for mental stimulation?

- Twice a day
- Once daily
- Once weekly
- Less than once a week

22. Who will be in charge of feeding your pet?

- Family takes turns
- Mom / Dad
- Individual:

23. Who will be in charge of cleaning up after the pet?

- Family takes turns
- Mom / Dad
- Individual:

24. How often do you plan to train your pet?

- Multiple times a day
- Multiple times a week
- Occasionally
- As little as possible

25. If acquiring a puppy or kitten will you take him/her to socialization classes?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure, more information need

26. Do you plan on crate training your pet?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure, more information needed

27. Who will be responsible for administering your pet's medical care (medication, etc.)?

- Family takes turns
- Mom / Dad
- Individual:

28. Would you prefer to have your pet trained:

- Without assistance
- With the help of a private trainer
- Group training class
- Leave pet at a training facility
- Unsure, need more information

29. What will you do with your pet when you travel?

- Take pet on trip
- Board the pet at the animal hospital
- Hire a pet sitter
- Other:

Part 3: Financial Considerations

30. How much are you budgeting monthly for your pet's food?

- \$20 or less
- \$20-50
- \$100 or less

31. How much are willing to pay for your pet?

- Free
- Less than \$50
- Less than \$100
- Less than \$500
- Less than \$1000
- \$1000 or more

32. Do you plan on spaying / neutering your pet?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure, need more information

33. How much are budgeting to spend annually on your pet's medical care?

- Less than \$200
- \$200 - \$300
- \$301 - \$400
- More than \$400
- Whatever is necessary

34. Which of the following pet sources are you considering?

- Reputable breeder
- Animal shelter / humane society
- Breed rescue organization
- Pet store
- Other:

Part 4: Pet Characteristics

35. With what other animals (not your own) will your pet interact?

- Dogs
- Cats
- Other:
- Often
- Rarely
- Never

36. Primary purpose for obtaining your pet:

- Adult's pet
- Family pet
- Child's pet
- Breeding
- Show
- Hunting
- Protection
- Farm / outside pet
- Other:

37. Has someone in your household owned a puppy less than 6 months of age?

- Yes No
- How long ago?

38. What age would you like your pet to be when you acquire him/her?

- As young as possible
- 8 weeks
- 6 months or older
- Adult

39. Are you interested in training your pet?

- Yes, I look forward to training my pet
- No, I would like a pet that requires little training

40. House training problems:

- Could live with problem
- Would do whatever it takes to correct the problem
- Problem would prompt me to part with the pet

41. Shyness with people:

- Could live with problem
- Would do whatever it takes to correct the problem
- Problem would prompt me to part with the pet

42. Aloofness with family:

- Could live with problem
- Would do whatever it takes to correct the problem
- Problem would prompt me to part with the pet

43. Excitability:

- Could live with problem
- Would do whatever it takes to correct the problem
- Problem would prompt me to part with the pet

44. Demands attention:

- Could live with problem:
- Would do whatever it takes to correct the problem
- Problem would prompt me to part with the pet

45. Jumping on people:

- Could live with problem
- Would do whatever it takes to correct the problem
- Problem would prompt me to part with the pet

46. Digging / yard destruction:

- Could live with problem
- Would do whatever it takes to correct the problem
- Problem would prompt me to part with the pet

47. Chewing / destruction:

- Could live with problem
- Would do whatever it takes to correct the problem
- Problem would prompt me to part with the pet

48. Excessive vocalization (barking, whining):

- Could live with problem
- Would do whatever it takes to correct the problem
- Problem would prompt me to part with the pet

49. How often do you plan to groom your pet at home?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- As infrequently as possible

50. Would you have your pet professionally groomed?

- Yes
- No
- Occasionally

51. How important is it to you that your pet "guards your home"?

- Very important
- Important
- Not important
- Do not want a guard dog.

52. What size pet do you prefer?

- Very small (less than 10 lbs.)
- Small (11-25 lbs.)
- Medium (26-50 lbs.)
- Large (51-90 lbs.)
- Giant (greater than 90 lbs.)
- No preference

53. How important is it to you that your pet wants to sit in your lap, follow you around, etc.?

- Very important
- Important
- Not important
- I would rather have an independent dog.

54. How much does hair on your clothing or furniture bother you?

- Can not tolerate
- Can tolerate somewhat
- Does not bother me

55. Breeds you are considering:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

56. Please list any questions or concerns you may have: