We thank you very much for making an appointment for a behavioural consultation for your cat.

To best prepare for this consultation, we ask you to complete this form consisting of 3 parts and return it to us by e-mail.

In case of cancellation, we ask you to inform us of your cancellation at least 24 hours before the scheduled date. After this time, we will unfortunately have to ask you to pay for the consultation.

We thank you very much for your understanding,

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**PART 1 – QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name of your cat:

Date:

Thanks for putting a picture of your cat here.

Information of the owners

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| Name |  |
| Address  |  |
| Phone  |  |
| Job  |  |
| Email  |  |
| Referring veterinarian (name, email and phone) |  |
| How did you hear about us?  |  |
| Do you agree to receive our monthly newsletters that discuss the latest articles on animal behaviour, natural animal care and what’s new at Vet Ethology? |  |

Information of the patient:

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| Name  |  |
| Breed  |  |
| Birth date  |  |
| Sex |  |
| Origin of the kitten  |  |
| Socialisation |  |
| Medical antecedents (medication, recent laboratory results) |  |
| Behavioural antecedents |  |
| General description of the temperament |  |
| Diet (type of food, frequency of meals, treats…) |  |

General anamnesis

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| TRAINING AND BEHAVIOUR |
| Can you describe the game and exercise sessions your cat receives?How much and how often? |  |
| For the kittens: are there some behaviours that you consider as problematic and that can’t be controlled?  |  |
| For the adult cats: Have there been recent changes in the behaviour of the cat?  |  |
| HOUSE SOILING  |
| For the kittens: how is the cleanliness? |  |
| For the adult cats: have you observed an increasing in house soiling or urine marking? |  |
| If there have been problems, what solutions have you tried so far?  |  |
| AGGRESSION |
| Are there aggression problems towards people? |  |
| Are there any problems of aggression towards other animals? |  |
| DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOUR |
| Are there problems with destructive behaviour while you are away? |  |
| Are there problems with destructive behaviour while you are at home? |  |

Please note everyone, including yourself, living in the same house. Please note the age of the children.

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| Name  | Age | Sex | Relation (eg. Husband, wife, partner, child…) | Number of hours / day (average) present at home | Quality of the relationship with the cat |
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Please note all pets in the chronological order of arrival at your home.

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| Name  | Species  | Breed  | Sex | Spayed ? | Age at arrival | Age today | Quality of the relationship with the cat |
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Detailed anamnesis :

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| FAMILY ENVIRONMENT, LIFE STYLE AND DAILY RITHM |
| Cat housing: where does the cat sleep during the day and during the night? |  |
| Elimination area, eating area, play area |  |
| Play and exercise routine  |  |
| When and for how long is your cat left alone? |  |
| How long time is your cat staying inside and outside? |  |
| Who is taking care of the cat?  |  |
| Are there other cats or animals in the household?  |  |
| REACTION TOWARDS OTHER PERSONS AND ANIMALS |
| How does the cat react to other animals and people (non-family members) in its territory and outside its territory:• Postures• Vocalizations• Interactions• Approach behaviour• Fear / aggression  |  |
| TRAINING |
| Have you learned your cat some training exercises? |  |
| Have you done crate training with your cat?  |  |
| Do you reward your cat sometimes? If yes, what kind of rewards (food, voice, …)? How does your cat react?  |  |
| Do you punish your cat sometimes? If yes, what kind of punishment? How does your cat react?  |  |
| MEDICAL TRAINING: REACTION TOWARDS MANIPULATION  |
| Cutting nails  |   |
| Washing your cat |  |
| Brushing your cat |  |
| Reaction towards the veterinarian  |  |
| PRIMARY PROBLEMS  |
| What is the primary problem? When did it start? What happened? At what specific moment does this problem appear? |  |
| Who ? Does the problem occur more frequently in the presence of certain people or animals? |  |
| Why ? Can the owners give some events that could be the cause of the problem? |  |
| Describe the circumstances (+ duration) |  |
| What techniques have been implemented so far? How did the cat react? |  |

Conclusions

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| What is the severity of the main problem? |  |
| Are there other problems that are not part of the main problem? |  |
| On a scale of 1 to 10, what is your motivation for solving this problem (1: zero motivation, 10: absolute motivation). |  |
| Have you thought about finding another home for your cat? |  |

**PART 2 - VIDEO ABOUT YOUR CAT**

In order to get to know your cat(s) better and be able to help you, it is necessary to take videos of your cat(s). The videos may be filmed with a smartphone. Film about two minutes at a time, that will suffice. It would be best if someone from the family takes these videos, i.e. the cat can really be filmed as he is.

Please only film situations that you feel are safe. If a situation does not apply then just skip it. Do not provoke risky situations to film!

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| Eating situation |  Cat(s) eating |
| Resting | Cat(s) resting - daytime and evening |
| Elimination  | Cat(s) relieving themselves |
| Play  | Cat(s) playing alone |
| Greetings | Cat(s) playing with family |
| Family interaction | Interact with cat indoors: e.g., touch, pet, talk to. Film different situations E.g. at the table, on the couch, moving around the house. |
| Family cat interaction | How do they interact with each other?  |
| Grooming | Combing, brushing the cat |
| Garden | Interaction with cat(s) in the garden |
| Visit | Behavior to known visitors (if possible, because of COVID)  |
| Walking  | Walking with your cat(s) (if possible) |
| Passage | Behavior to window/fence garden when seeing passage / Or neighbours |
| Vacuum cleaner | Behavior towards vacuum cleaner |
| Home Alone  | Behavior of the cat when you are in another room or cat(s) alone at home |

**Please send your videos through Wetransfer** <https://wetransfer.com/>

**PART 3 – FLOOR PLAN**

**Sketch a floor plan of the house and garden**

**Home** : places / rooms where the cat comes - outline also positioning with respect to street and traffic ( e.g. adjacent to street and / or with distance)

* Sketch the walls, doors
	+ also outline furniture ( chair / table / chairs / cabinets / TV)
* indicate the windows this colour
* the resting places and the crates this colour
* eating and drinking jars this colour
* if your cat chases his tail, designate the places where he does it with x

**Terrace**: in case you have an apartment and only a terrace, please also sketch it in function of the environment (what does the cat see: street/garden/park/ ...) so I can see which stimuli are present.

**Garden** : In case you have a garden: please indicate shape and size
indicate also how it is situated ( next to a street, bicycle path, or neighbour’s gardens ?)
Indicate how the boundary is made: wire / hedge

You may sketch this roughly on a sheet and send us a scanned version
The purpose of the plan is to estimate where the triggers can reach your cat and what influence this could have on the problem.