

## **Cover Letter/Behavioral Assessment for Veterinarian**

This folder contains a sample of the type of cover letter and behavioral assessment you might want to send to a client's veterinarian after you have finished the initial private session. The folder also contains standard form documents for your own use.

A behavioral assessment form should be sent when there are serious behavior problems such as aggression, rather than everyday obedience and manners issues. The assessment informs the referring veterinarian of your recommendations and prognosis and, even if the client's veterinarian was not the referral source, lets them know that a serious behavior issue exists. *You should only send this form with your client's permission.* There is a question on the Client Information Form (to be sent in advance of your appointment) that asks permission to discuss health and behavioral issues with their veterinarian. If your clients have not given consent, be sure to discuss the matter before sending this form to the vet.

Sending a behavioral assessment not only keeps the vet informed of the dog's behavior issues, but also shows your professionalism and knowledge of behavior, and keeps you on the vet's mind for referrals.

### **This Folder Contains:**

**Sample Cover Letter**

**Sample Behavioral Assessment**

**Form: Cover Letter to Veterinarian**

**Form: Behavioral Assessment Form**