

CoramBAAF Dog Assessment Form

(for use with Form C, Form F, and Form PAR)

This form is intended for completion by the assessing social worker in partnership with the applicant(s) or foster carer(s) who will hold much of the information. It does not assume the assessing social worker to have any specialist knowledge of dogs, but they should be familiar with the Good Practice Guide, *Dogs and Pets in Fostering and Adoption* (Adams, 2015) available from <http://www.corambaaf.org.uk/bookshop/book/dog-and-pets-GPG>. Completion of this assessment form should indicate whether advice should be sought from someone with an expertise in dog behaviour and psychology. One form should be used for each dog.

BASIC DETAILS

Name of owner(s)			
Name of dog			
Sex	Male/Female	Neutered?	Yes/No
Date of birth		Age	
Breed			
Breed information			

PERSONALITY AND HISTORY

Describe the dog's personality and general behaviour
Describe what is known about the dog's history

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LIVING ARRANGEMENTS, TRAINING AND ROUTINES

Where does the dog live and sleep?

What are the dog's daily routines?

Has the dog been formally or informally trained?

To what extent will the dog follow basic commands?

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

What are the arrangements for feeding the dog?

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Where does the dog toilet and, if applicable, how is the waste disposed of?	
Does the dog have routine vaccinations and preventative treatment for worms, fleas and lice, etc?	
Is the dog registered with a vet?	Yes/No
Is the dog covered by health insurance or other arrangements?	Yes/No
<i>If the answer is 'no' to either of the above, then provide details below</i>	
Details/any further information in relation to health and hygiene	

SAFETY

How does the dog respond to other dogs?
How does the dog respond to people in public and when they visit the home?
What contact does the dog have with children and how does s/he respond to them?

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SAFETY CHECKLIST

Has the dog ever bitten anyone?	Yes/No
Has the dog ever snapped or snarled at anyone?	Yes/No
Has the dog ever shown signs of aggression to anyone?	Yes/No
Has the dog ever fought with another dog other than in play?	Yes/No
Does the dog chase and/or kill small animals?	Yes/No
Is the dog scared by crying babies/shouting children?	Yes/No
Does the dog get overly excited when people run around?	Yes/No
<i>If the answer is 'yes' to any of the above, then provide details below and give careful consideration as to whether a specialist dog assessment is required</i>	
Can the owner touch the dog's food bowl when eating?	Yes/No
Can the owner remove toys from the dog if very excited?	Yes/No
Does the dog tolerate being stroked/physically examined?	Yes/No
Can the owner push the dog around in a playful manner?	Yes/No
<i>If the answer is 'no' to any of the above, then provide details below and give careful consideration as to whether a specialist dog assessment is required</i>	
Is a specialist dog assessment necessary because of answers above or for any other reason?	Yes/No
Details/further information	

BREEDING/EMPLOYMENT

If the owners use their home for breeding, grooming or running kennels, then set out the implications of this for fostering or adoption below

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SOCIAL WORKER OBSERVATIONS

Assessing social worker's observations of the dog during visits to the home, including any comments on behaviour, hygiene or safety

SOCIAL WORK SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Suitability/significance of this dog in relation to fostering or adoption

What action, if any, needs to be taken to reduce any foreseeable risks?

Name of assessing social worker	
Signature of assessing social worker	
Date	

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APPLICANT/FOSTER CARER DECLARATION

- The information provided above is factually correct and I/we have shared fully and honestly all the relevant information regarding our dog.
- I/We have read and understand the information provided in Chapter 4 of the Good Practice Guide, *Dogs and Pets in Fostering and Adoption* (Adams, 2014).
- I/we undertake to provide any necessary supervision of the dog and child/children to minimise risk of harm to either.

Any comments

Signature of applicant/foster carer 1	
Date	
Signature of applicant/foster carer 2	
Date	