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HOUSE SOILING QUIZ

Date: _____
 Client: _____ Patient: _____

Cats have instinctive urges to urinate and defecate in specific ways. Most feline house soiling problems are not due to abnormal behavior; they are due to normal, instinctive behavior, which can be modified so that the house-soiling problem is eliminated. Obtaining a thorough history of the problem behavior is an important part of the solution. Please answer the questions below as best you can.

How many cats are there in the household? _____ How many litter boxes are there? _____

What type of litter are you using (clumping, clay, crystals, etc.)? _____

Is the litter scented, antibacterial, or deodorized? _____

	Yes	No	Unsure
Does your cat urinate outside the litter box?			
Does your cat defecate outside the litter box?			
If urinating, does your cat target vertical or horizontal surfaces?			
Does your cat squat during the problem urination?			
Is there more than one location involved?			
Is the problem confined to carpeted surfaces?			
Is the amount voided per location large?			
Is your cat urinating more frequently than usual?			
Have you any blood in your cat's urine or that your cat is straining to urinate?			
Has your cat had an illness in the last 3 months?			
Has there been a change in the family, the household, or the schedules of family members?			
Has there been a recent move?			
Have you introduced new pets in the past 3 months?			
Are the litter boxes hooded?			
Are the litter boxes lined with a plastic liner?			
Have you changed brands of litter within the past 3 months?			
Does more than one cat use the same litter box?			
Are feces and urine scooped from the box daily?			
Does your cat have easy access to the litter box?			
Is the litter box emptied and washed at least once a week?			
Is the litter box washed with something other than soap and water?			
Is the litter box in a noisy or busy location?			
Did your cat have a negative experience (medicated, punished, or scared) near or in the litter box?			