Veterinary Health Form for Animals in Hoarding Contexts (VHR-AH)

Estimated completion time: approx. 10–15 minutes per animal

Animal Owner_____

Section	Details
1. General Information about the Animal	
Animal ID	
Species	
Breed	
Estimated Age	
Sex	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Not Determinable
Reproductive Status	☐ Intact ☐ Spayed/Neutered ☐ Not Detected
Microchip	☐ Yes (Number: _____) ☐ No ☐ Not Detected
2. General Physical Conditions	
Weight	_____ kg (☐ measured / ☐ estimated)
Body Condition Score (BCS)	☐ 1 (severely underweight) ☐ 2 (underweight) ☐ 3 (normal) ☐ 4 (overweight) ☐ 5 (obese)
Coat Condition	☐ Clean ☐ Dirty ☐ Matted/Tangled ☐ Alopecia
Skin Conditions	☐ Normal ☐ Lesions ☐ Parasites ☐ Specify: _____
Eye Conditions	☐ Normal ☐ Reddened ☐ Discharge ☐ Type: _____
Ear Conditions	☐ Normal ☐ Dirty ☐ Infections ☐ Specify: _____
3. General Health Status	

Signs of Dehydration	☐ Absent ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe
Signs of Malnutrition	☐ Absent ☐ Present ☐ Specify: _____
Dental/Oral Problems	☐ Absent ☐ Present ☐ Description: _____
Mobility	☐ Normal ☐ Lameness ☐ Muscle Atrophy ☐ Specify: _____
Evident Pain Signs	☐ Absent ☐ Present ☐ Location: _____
Clinical Signs of Disease	☐ Cough ☐ Vomiting ☐ Diarrhea ☐ Other: _____
Zoonotic Risks Identified (e.g., fleas, mange, bites)	☐ No ☐ Yes → Specify: _____
4. Behavioral Status	
Guidance for Completion – Animal Behavior Friendly: Approaches willingly, accepts contact, relaxed. Fearful: Withdraws, avoids contact, shows trembling or submissive posture. Aggressive: Growls, bites, displays defensive/offensive posture, actively attacks. Social (toward other animals): Peaceful interaction, cohabitation without issues. Fearful (toward other animals): Hides, runs away, avoids contact. Stereotypies: Repetitive non-goal-oriented behaviors (e.g., circling, licking, chewing air).	
Behavior Toward Humans	☐ Friendly ☐ Fearful ☐ Aggressive ☐ Other: _____
Behavior Toward Other Animals	☐ Social ☐ Fearful ☐ Aggressive ☐ Other: _____
Stereotypies or Repetitive Behaviors	☐ Absent ☐ Present ☐ Type: _____
5. Preliminary Diagnosis and Notes	
Diagnosis	
Recommended Examinations	
Suggested Therapies	
Additional Notes	
6. Photographic Documentation	
Photo 1	Full body Date: _____

Photo 2	Lesion detail Date: _____
7. Welfare Assessment (AWIN Protocol)	
Access to Food and Water	☐ Adequate ☐ Inadequate
Physical Comfort	☐ Normal ☐ Limited ☐ Other: _____
Overall Health Status	☐ Good ☐ Compromised ☐ Other: _____
Normal Behaviors	☐ Present ☐ Absent ☐ Other: _____
Social Interaction	☐ Adequate ☐ Evident Problems ☐ Other: _____
Response to Stimuli	☐ Normal ☐ Altered ☐ Other: _____
Exploratory Behavior	☐ Present ☐ Absent ☐ Other: _____
Note: *The welfare indicators included in this section are adapted from the AWIN (Animal Welfare Indicators) protocol for assessing the welfare of dogs, developed under the European AWIN project.* *Reference: Barnard, S.; Ferri, N.; Velarde, A.; Batchelor, G.; Gebhardt-Henrich, S.G.; Winckler, C.; Keeling, L.J.; Wemelsfelder, F.; Mendl, M.; Whay, H.R. Development of a Protocol for On-Farm Welfare Assessment of Dogs; AWIN Project: Milan, Italy, 2015.*	
8. Final Evaluation	
Overall Welfare Status	☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Critical
Presence of Zoonotic Risks for Humans (e.g., fleas, mange, bites)	☐ None observed ☐ Possible ☐ Confirmed → Specify: _____
Intervention Priority	☐ High ☐ Medium ☐ Low
Final Notes	

Veterinarian Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____