Risk Assessment Form

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| Risk | Low | Mild | Severe | Extreme |
| Dog Size | small | medium | large | giant |
| Dog Strength | Weak, fine boned, missing teeth | Light frame | Moderate to heavy musculature | Heavy musculature, especially around head and neck |
| Number of Bites \* (must consider in context of severity) | 1 bite, back away | 1 bite, back away | Bite and hold, bite repeatedly, multiple bites in one incident | Bite, hold, shake, kill |
| Severity of Bites | No mark, red mark, minor bruising | Minor abrasion, moderate bruising | Puncture, laceration | Flesh/ appendage removal, fracture, internal injury, death |
| Location of Bites | Appendage reaching towards pet | Body part closest to pet, no jumping up | Upper arm, thigh, abdomen, face; pet jumped up to bite |  |
| Triggers | 1 predictable, able to avoid | 2 predictable, able to avoid | 1 unpredictable, not able to avoid all | More than 1 unpredictable, unavoidable |
| Motivation  | Play  | Fear, Territorial | Severe fear, territorial, +/- predatory | Conflict |
| Targets | 1 predictable, able to avoid | 2 predictable, able to avoid | Redirected, 1 unpredictable, not able to avoid all | Redirected, more than 1 unpredictable; unavoidable |
| Warning Signs  | Try to leave, conflict body language, growl, lunge, snap | Growl, lunge, +/- snap, inhibited bite | No warning signs or given as lunge to bite | No warning signs |
| History  | History of aggression in current shelter environment only | History of aggression in 2 or more shelter environments, not in home environment | History of aggression in 1 or 2 environments (one home, one shelter) | History of aggression in more than 2 environments |
| Management | Can reasonably manage behavior in shelter and out of shelter | Can reasonably manage behavior out of shelter | Cannot reasonably manage behavior in shelter | Cannot reasonably manage behavior in or out of shelter |