

Al Cheat Sheet: Survey

Important Notes:

- Enter in **first person** Ex: **I like** to laugh, joke and play. **I have** ... (NOT: he likes, he says.)
- Enter in **mixed case**, NOT all caps.
- Use proper grammar and spelling (even if the inmate didn't).
- Write all units of measurement (years, miles, hours) in lower case and spelled out.
- Please use care to ensure the entire contents of the Survey are entered into the Inmate Data Form.

Field	What to Enter:
Name	People often put nicknames in this field, use the name
	from the system website as mail will be rejected if it does
	not match.
Location Confirmed/Updated	Enter the current date whenever the location is updated.
Offense	The crime(s) the prisoner was convicted of. Not all states
	provide this information. Always enter when provided.
Sentence	The length of time the person is required to be imprisoned.
	Examples: 10 years, Life, LWOP, Death.
Expected/Projected Date of Release	Always use date on website when provided, even if it
	differs from what the inmate wrote on the survey.
Facility	Enter facility name provided on the system website, even
	if it differs from survey or envelope.
Source	For survey question: "How did you hear about us?"
	WOM= Word of mouth
	IBP= Prisoner resource directory Inside Books Project
	PARC= Prison Activist Resource Center Directory
	If none of these apply, select "Other" and specify if
Define on	known.
Privacy	Select from the dropdown if provided:
	First name and Last name, Location = Fname, Lname in
	Facility
	First name, location = First name in State
	If they want to remain anonymous = A prisoner in State.
How long incarcerated?	Enter a date (year is enough) rather than xx years. If the
	inmate writes the number of years, you can subtract the
	listed number of years from the date the survey was
	completed. This way the information is easy to track in
	the future. Note: remember to always write dates with
	format mm-dd-yyyy (with dashes).
Which facilities have you been	If needed, you can find the proper Facility name by
housed?	opening the Facilities Report in Creator.

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Estimate the percentage	Enter a number without the "%" sign. If they write	
	fractions, please calculate the percentage and enter it in	
	the field.	
Confidential Notes	Information that we don't want/need to share with	
	potential adopters, or additional information about the	
	individual that doesn't belong in any other field.	
Notes for Matching	This field very important as it is used to identify	
	compatible adopter(s). Include anything in the inmate's	
	survey that might help to match them. Use proper	
	grammar and spelling (even if the inmate didn't). Enter in	
	first person (I and me, not he or she). Do not include	
	identifying information such as last name, or physical	
	features such as height or eye color. Information about	
	interests, hobbies, religion, etc. are particularly helpful.	
Date Survey entered	Enter the date the survey was entered.	
Survey Entered by	Enter your name in this field.	
Page 3 of Survey	If there is additional information that would be useful for	
	matching, please include in the Notes for Matching field.	
Page 4 of Survey – Statement of	Select toggle only if signature is present:	
Consent	C I agree to participate	
(not included on older surveys)	. 50. 55 to bar gerbase	