



Keeping up-to-date with issues in companion animal behaviour will have a beneficial effect on the veterinary practice both for staff, clients and the animals themselves. This year's series of events will help you and your practice remain 'behaviourally aware'.

This year's events look in depth at common behavioural problems presented at the veterinary practice and the issues they raise. Case studies will frequently be used to illustrate the issues discussed.

Prices have been kept low and discounts are available for multiple bookings. A certificate of attendance will be provided at each event for personal CPD records.

## Venue

This year's venues are: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, Warks (close to M40); South Hill Park, Bracknell (close to M4/M3) and Mere Golf and Country Club, Nr Manchester (close to M6)

Directions will be sent and can also be downloaded from the APBC website [www.apbc.org.uk](http://www.apbc.org.uk)

## APBC

The APBC was founded in 1989 and is the leading organisation in the field of companion animal behaviour counselling. It represents an international network of experienced and qualified pet behaviour counsellors.

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### V.1 Fears and phobias

Sarah Heath, Mere Golf & Country Club, Cheshire (18 May)

Fears and phobias underlie many of the behavioural problems that are presented to veterinary practices. In so many cases the problems could have been prevented and this course will offer practical advice about ways in which the risk of these emotional problems can be reduced. It will also consider ways in which to manage and treat them when they do occur and offer advice as to how the veterinary team can more effectively deal with these problems in general practice.

### V.2 Canine Separation Related Conditions

Claire Hargrave & Francesca Riccomini – South Hill Park, Bracknell (22 June)

Unraveling the evidence of problem behaviour that occurs when dogs are left alone can be tricky. Exactly what does the house soiling, destruction or vocalization when owners are out mean? This course aims to help reduce the challenge of these troublesome cases for busy general practice staff by examining the various categories into which problems of this nature are likely to fall, highlighting the emotional states underlying them, discussing 'first aid' measures and what needs to be done in the longer term.

### V.3 Aggression - it's a dog bites dog world!

Claire Hargrave (Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, Warks (5 July)

Clients reporting aggression between household dogs can be describing an array of communication activities ranging from over enthusiastic play to potentially lethal encounters between household bitches. This course aims to examine the underlying motivations for dog to dog aggression, to examine the different ways in which it may manifest itself and to offer first aid advice to enable surgery staff to help owners to avoid an escalation in the problem.

### V.4 Update on psychopharmacology and nutraceuticals

Sarah Heath – Mere Golf & Country Club, Cheshire (14 Sept)

Update on psychopharmacology and nutraceuticals. When dealing with behavioural cases it is important to accurately determine the underlying emotional state and work to alter it for the benefit of the patient. Drugs and nutraceuticals can be helpful adjuncts to behavioural modification in achieving this aim. This course will explore the options available to the vet in general practice and give information about modes of action and potential benefits as well as case selection for maximum benefit of their use.

### V.5 Hormones and pheromones

Caroline Warnes & Claire Hargrave – South Hill Park, Bracknell, Berks (12 Oct)

Hormones and pheromones are important in the regulation and maintenance of normal behaviour as well as physiological and emotional homeostasis, however they can also be associated with problem behaviours. Focusing mainly on the cat and dog, this seminar will investigate the roles hormones and pheromones can play in the development of both normal and abnormal behaviours, and how understanding this may enable us to modify problem behaviours more effectively. It will look at the potential behavioural consequences of the more common endocrine disorders as well as some of the ways in which sex hormones and neutering can influence behaviour. It will also look at the role of pheromones in the creation and maintenance of problem behaviours and how they can be used most effectively to modify them.

### V.6 Feline house-soiling

Francesca Riccomini & Clare Wilson - Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh (9 Nov)

House soiling is one of the most distressing problems with which cat owners struggle. Failure to resolve their difficulties can result in relinquishment or even euthanasia of misunderstood but otherwise satisfactory pets. Veterinary practices therefore have a vital role to play in early identification of such problems and in offering both appropriate immediate support and suitable longer term intervention, either in-house or by referral to a qualified feline behaviourist. Delegates will learn to distinguish between inappropriate marking behaviour and indoor toileting, to highlight the environmental and social factors contributing to the problem and to apply proven remedial measures specifically adapted to the individual circumstances to help resolve the problematic behaviour, which negatively affects the quality of life of all those concerned.

Queries? Call Pauline Appleby on 01386 750534

## Vet Series Booking Form

Name	VS or VN?	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6

Total number of seminar places booked by Practice .....

Name of Practice: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

Tel: .....

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Confirmation details will be sent via email