



Pet Behaviour Assessment Service

For Adoption and Fostering Placements

Who are the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors? The APBC is an international network of experienced and qualified pet behaviour counsellors, who, on referral from veterinary surgeons, treat behaviour problems in dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, horses and other pets. The APBC also runs seminars and workshops, both for its members and others interested in the field of pet behaviour therapy and dog training, and also sells books, videos and other products related to the subject.

Assessment for Adoption and Fostering Placements: As the leading pet behaviour experts in the field, APBC Members have been used by a number of agencies to assess animals and the homes of potential adoptive parents or foster carers.

In response to demand, a standard protocol for use in this context has been developed and the APBC can now provide this service via a special network of participating Full Members.

The service is designed primarily for dogs but may also be used for other animals. The assessment process involves:

- A visit to the home lasting approximately 1 & 1/2 hours
- A report sent to the agency requesting the assessment, to include:
 - Owner experience and relationship with the animal(s)
 - Exposure and behaviour in various social situations, training background, and health issues
 - Practical considerations regarding home environment
 - Temperament and behaviour with members of the household, visitors, general public, and children (0-5yrs, 5-10yrs, 10+years)
 - A professional opinion on the risks these animals present to children, particularly those with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.
 - Advice regarding the introduction of children and animals

The cost for this service (including travel) is at the discretion of the individual Member providing the service in that area.

Please complete the Referral Form and contact your nearest participating APBC Member

Name:

Tel:

Email:

For a list of members offering this service please see our website:

[www.apbc.org.uk/Assessment for Adoption and Fostering Placements](http://www.apbc.org.uk/Assessment_for_Adoption_and_Fostering_Placements)

or contact info@apbc.org.uk

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REFERRAL FORM

Referring Case Manager Name:

Agency Name:

Agency Address:

Tel:

Email:

Signature of consent for client to be contacted and assessed:

Client Name:

Client Address:

Tel:

Animal type(s):

Animal Name(s):

Reason for professional assessment request: