



APBC

ASSOCIATION OF PET
BEHAVIOUR COUNSELLORS

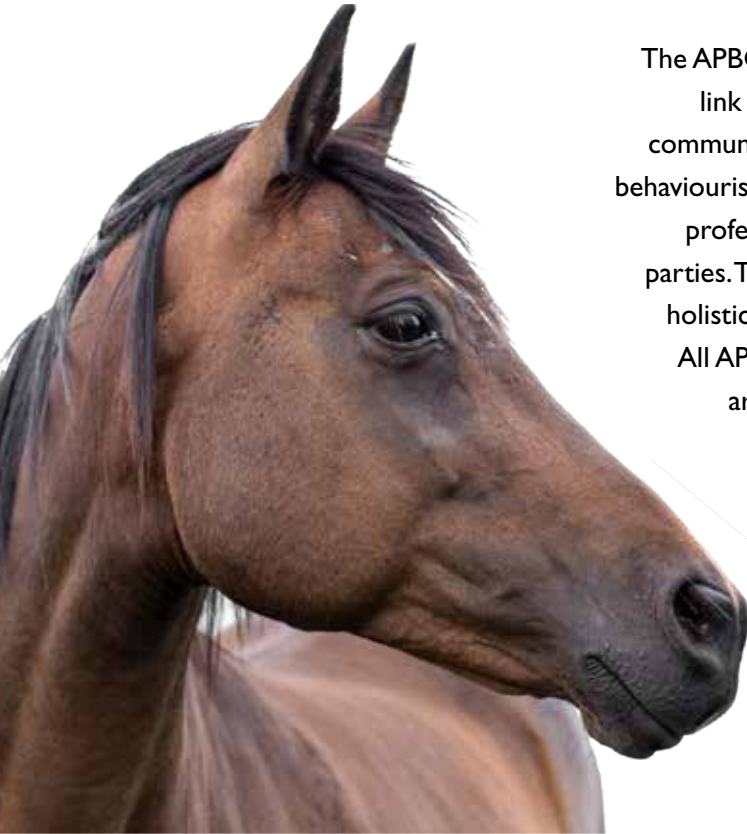


**EXCELLENCE IN ANIMAL
BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE**

Founded in 1989, The Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC) is one of the most prestigious organisations in the field of animal behaviour.

Operating under the umbrella of the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC), our members represent an international network of skilled animal behaviourists. We work on referral from veterinarians to provide both preventative and remedial programmes for behaviour problems in dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, horses and other animals.

APBC members provide the time and expertise necessary to develop appropriate and practical behavioural modification plans that are suitable for both the animal and the client. Rather than simply training an animal to behave differently, these plans will address the root of the behavioural problem in a practical and effective manner.



The APBC recognises the strong link between the veterinary community, their clients and the behaviourist, and thus the need for professional dialogue with all parties. This ensures a complete, holistic approach to each case. All APBC practising members are either Clinical Animal Behaviourists (CAB) or Animal Behaviour Technicians (ABT).

CLINICAL ANIMAL BEHAVIOURISTS

APBC Clinical Animal Behaviourists (CAB) including Veterinary Behaviourists (VB) meet the ABTC standard for this role.

This standard relates to the clinical application of the science of animal behaviour, and the modification of the behaviour of animals that are demonstrating all types of undesirable, inappropriate, problematic or dangerous behaviour, including those with a potential link to pathologies that require diagnosis in collaboration with a veterinary surgeon. CABs have the expertise to work with clients to address these behaviour issues.

CABs are required to:

- Complete the CAB standard application procedure to meet all knowledge and performance criteria
- Undertake regular continuing professional development (CPD)
- Carry public liability and professional indemnity insurance
- Abide by the guiding codes of the ABTC and APBC for animal welfare, ethical working and fair business practices

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR TECHNICIANS

APBC Animal Behaviour Technicians (ABT) meet the ABTC standard for this role.

This standard relates to the design and implementation of programmes to provide preventative and first-aid behavioural advice to owners/handlers and/or co-professionals, based on best practice and scientific evidence. This standard also includes the implementation of behaviour modification and/or environmental modification plans, developed by a CAB or VB following assessment/evaluation of an animal by that same CAB or VB. ABTs have the expertise to work with clients to undertake this role.

ABTs are required to:

- Complete the ABT standard application procedure to meet all knowledge and performance criteria
- Undertake regular continuing professional development (CPD)
- Carry public liability and professional indemnity insurance
- Abide by the guiding codes of the ABTC and APBC for animal welfare, ethical working and fair business practices

Provisional CAB and ABT Members have gained the relevant academic qualifications and are gaining the practical experience necessary to become a Full CAB member. The APBC supports its provisional members in undertaking behaviour consultations.

APBC Full CAB members are recognised by leading pet insurance companies. This allows clients with appropriate coverage to make a claim for behavioural treatment based on and initiated through a veterinary referral.

All APBC Full members are easily found on the APBC website (apbc.org.uk). Referral forms and behavioural handouts can be downloaded. Also available are useful resources for pet owners regarding animal behaviour. This website also allows access to newsletters, articles and information sheets for pet owners, behaviourists, trainers and veterinary professionals.

The APBC organises a number of seminars, workshops, conferences and webinars for professionals within the field. These provide valuable CPD for those who would like to become behaviourists, for veterinary professionals wishing to further their knowledge in behaviour, and for APBC members at any level.

For more information on how to become a member, or for further information, please visit our website (apbc.org.uk) or find us on Facebook.

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