

APBC 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](http://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](http://apbc.org.uk)) or find us on Facebook.

Alternatively, please contact us by e-mail [info@apbc.org.uk](mailto:info@apbc.org.uk) or telephone +44(0)7483 429997 or write to 10 Queen Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 1SS

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# Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors

Promoting the Best in Pet Behaviour



**Your Behavioural Experts**

**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 pet behaviourists. We work on referral from veterinarians to treat behaviour problems in dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, horses and other animals.

All APBC members are Clinical Animal Behaviourists (CAB) as set out by the ABTC standards for this role at Level 6.

As set out by the CAB standards, APBC members are required to:

- Demonstrate the knowledge and understanding requirements as set for L6
- Achieve the required number of credits (hours of study) in each unit
- Complete the CAB standard application procedure to meet all 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

**We aim to maintain the highest professional standards in companion animal behaviour therapy so our clients can be assured of effective, humane and appropriate advice.**



APBC members provide the time and expertise necessary to investigate the CAUSES of problem behaviours in pets. Practical treatment plans are developed and will always be suitable for clients' circumstances. Rather than training an animal to behave differently, the treatment plan will address the root of the behavioural problem in a practical and effective manner.

The APBC recognises the strong link between the veterinary community and the behaviourist and the need for professional dialogue with veterinary professionals. The veterinary community and their clients can trust APBC members to work as closely as possible with other professionals to ensure a complete, holistic approach to managing behaviour problems. All practising members work on veterinary referral.