

Excellence in Animal Behaviour and Welfare

## **AN INVITATION TO**

# JOIN THE APBC













# Interested in Working in the Field of Animal Behaviour? COME AND JOIN US AT THE APBC

The Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors is a supportive organisation to those working with or wishing to work with animals as Animal Behaviour Technicians or Clinical Animal Behaviourists to the highest industry standard.

Established for over 30 years, the APBC has worked closely with the veterinary profession and the entire animal industry and is known as the flagship organisation within the field of animal behaviour. The APBC is also a founding member of the regulatory body, the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC).

By maintaining high standards of practice throughout its existence, the collective reputation of APBC members is second to none. Consequently, other professions, particularly veterinary and legal specialties, are more likely to call upon APBC members when they need the services of an animal behaviour counsellor. This generates employment directly in the field of animal behaviour counselling, and in associated areas including rescue, veterinary nursing, lecturing, writing and legal issues.

#### WE ARE A CAB AND ABT ASSESSOR ORGANISATION

Our Clinical Animal Behaviour (CAB) and Animal Behaviour Technician (ABT) assessment processes are run by a dedicated assessment sub-committee who will support you on your journey to full accreditation. Our assessment processes are second to none within the sector - we are professional, fair, transparent and timely when assessing applicants. We offer the highest quality of assessment in a supportive way.

#### WHO IS WELCOME TO JOIN?

We have various membership levels: Student, Provisional, Full and Academic. We welcome both UK and international members. Students can apply if they are studying for a relevant qualification at FHEQ level 4 and are looking to progress to level 5 and above. We also welcome those whose knowledge and understanding has been gained through experience and other prior learning (APEL). We support members who work with dogs, cats, horses, reptiles, small furries, birds and everything in between. We even have members who work with pigs, sheep, other livestock and zoo animals.

#### **BENEFITS OF APBC MEMBERSHIP:**

- Significant discounts on public CPD events including webinars, conferences and access to member-only events.
- Full and Provisional CAB members can contribute to a financially attractive insurance scheme which provides comprehensive public liability, professional indemnity and more.
- Social media campaigns promoting our members own businesses, social media pages, achievements, events and news.

- Most leading UK pet insurance companies will cover consultation fees of Full CAB members.
- Regular remote support sessions with the committee to promote communication within the APBC Membership.
- Networking opportunities through our wide membership body.
- · Collaborative opportunities with corporations, charities and veterinary businesses.
- · Notification of external events and conferences, some with discounts!
- Free journal access: Anthrozoos, Applied Animal Behaviour Science, Journal of Veterinary Behavior.

# We know our profession has challenges which can be psychologically distressing. We support our members with:

- Members-only confidential support groups to discuss cases and specific challenges, benefitting from the collective knowledge, moral support and understanding of our colleagues.
- Members-only online discussion group to exchange up-to-date information, business development and for moral support.
- Access to an external 24/7 helpline to discuss legal, financial, medical and any other private or personal matter (other than employment law).
- Access to a wellbeing and support app to help support you and your family in all mental health matters.
- 6 external counselling sessions, per mental health concern per year per member, for any reason with qualified CBT and EMDR counsellors.

#### INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT US?

Contact Kate at info@apbc.org.uk or visit www.apbc.org.uk/become-a-member

Signed on behalf of the APBC Committee

Anne McBride

Chairperson

We look forward to welcoming you

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