



# APBC

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To Whom It May Concern

This letter is to explain the expertise of an Associate member of the APBC. Previously called a Provisional Member.

The Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC) is an international network of experienced and qualified animal behaviour counsellors established in 1989 who, on referral from veterinary surgeons, treat behaviour problems in dogs, cats, birds, rabbits and other animals.

In order for veterinarians to feel confident about referrals, members of the APBC have to have the highest professional standards, knowledge, handling skills and expertise. A rigorous selection procedure is in place to assess applicants to ensure they meet the high standards with the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC) [www.abtc.org.uk](http://www.abtc.org.uk), currently working towards RCVS accreditation status..

We have two membership levels that can conduct behaviour consultations, Full members and Associate members. Full members have been assessed for all ABTC Clinical Animal Behaviourist (work with animals that are demonstrating all types of undesirable, inappropriate, problematic or dangerous behaviour) or Animal Behaviour Technician criteria (design and implement programmes to provide preventative and first-aid behavioural advice, and work with CAB or VB in the implementation of behaviour modification and/or environmental modification plans, developed by the CAB or VB following assessment/evaluation of an animal by that same CAB or VB).

Associate members of the APBC have completed the necessary academic requirements and are gaining the practical experience necessary for full membership. In order to assist their progress towards full membership, Associate members conduct behaviour consultations on veterinary referral (See "What Constitutes a Veterinary Referral" ) within the framework of support provided by APBC Full members. This includes seminars, forums, case discussion and support groups. Full and Associate members are required to perform a minimum of 30 hours of CPD (Continuing Professional Development) annually.

For any further information on any aspect of the APBC please contact us.

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