



**Association of Pet
Behaviour Counsellors
REFERRAL SLIP**

Client's Name
Referring Veterinary Surgeon

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Address
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Nature of Problem
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- Please tick appropriate box
- Medical history accompanies this slip.
 - Medical history supplied by post/phone/fax/email.
 - I am supplying a Royal College approved behaviour referral form via the client/post/fax (*Copies available from the CABTSG - www.cabtsg.org/Resources/ref_form.pdf*)
 - There is no relevant medical history

Signed.....MRCVS

Q What sort of problems can a Member of the APBC help me with?

The range of behavioural problems exhibited in dogs and cats is varied. It includes aggression, destructiveness, toileting problems, marking spraying, self mutilation, vocal behaviour, nervousness, car travel, livestock chasing and general control. The APBC can offer help with these as well as behaviour problems exhibited in smaller companion animals and horses.

Q How can a Member of the APBC help me?

In the treatment of behaviour problems it takes time to establish cause and develop treatment plans that are suitable for the owner's circumstances.

The APBC represents a network of experienced behaviour counsellors who, on referral from veterinary surgeons, are able to offer the time and expertise necessary to achieve these objectives at an affordable cost.

Q What happens at the time of the consultation?

Consultations are held on an appointment basis, either at one of the regional clinics or in your own home. They normally last 1½ - 2 hours. If possible all family members involved should be present. A history of the problem will be taken and your pet's temperament assessed after which the counsellor will explain the motivation for the behaviour and help you devise a treatment programme.

Q What happens after the consultation?

Treatment programmes vary according to the nature and severity of the problem. Often only one consultation is necessary. Further advice and aftercare can be provided via the telephone. Where treatment dictates it, a follow-up appointment can be arranged.

A report outlining the therapy will be sent to you and your veterinary surgeon.

YOUR NEAREST APBC PRACTICE

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Consultations are given by David at the Pet Behaviour Centre, Queen's Veterinary School Cambridge and at regional clinics held at veterinary centres, the RSPCA Centre in Leicester and, where appropriate, in your own home. Regional clinics cost around £85.00 plus VAT. Home visit costs vary according to location.

Regional clinics booked via the main office:

- Birmingham
- Derby
- Leicester
- Northampton
- Nottingham
- Wolverhampton

Queen's Veterinary School, Cambridge:
appointments must be made at the hospital office by the referring veterinary surgeon. Normal Veterinary School consultation charges apply at the canine rate for both dogs and cats.

Q. How do I book?

Telephone the main office number. At the time of booking you will be asked to send a deposit to secure your appointment (other arrangements apply for the Queen's Veterinary School, Cambridge). This is to ensure that waiting times for appointments are kept as short as possible by making sure that all available appointments are used rather than being subject to notified or un-notified cancellations. The deposit is non-refundable but is deducted from the total fee at the time of the consultation.

Q. How quickly will we see results?

The behaviour modification programme advised upon may produce results very quickly, but often it will take time, effort and commitment by all of the family to work at it to produce the improved behaviour. Please be prepared for this to be the case and remember that the animal's current behaviour problems may themselves have developed over a long period of time. Following your consultation we are available by telephone or email for on-going advice and to ensure that all is going according to plan.