



**Association of Pet
Behaviour Counsellors
REFERRAL SLIP**

Client's Name
Referring Veterinary Surgeon

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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 APBC*)
 - There is no relevant medical history

Signed.....MRCVS

Clients must bring this slip to their consultation.

**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.