



# ABIG SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATIONS

## ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR & INTERACTION GROUP

### Conference 2014



*Have no fear about anxiety!*

**DATE: 17 - 18 May**

**VENUE: Stone Cradle, Rietvleidam**

For the **FIRST** time in the history of South African veterinary congresses, The Animal Behaviour and Interaction Group presents a full day programme open to non-veterinarians!

We have long recognised the important contribution of non-veterinary animal behaviourists and vet practice front staff to strengthening the pet-owner bond.

**Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn from a world renowned veterinary behaviour specialist as well as a star-studded line-up of proudly South African veterinary behaviourists.**

**REGISTER NOW: [www.vetlink.co.za](http://www.vetlink.co.za)**

Registration fees

		ABIG Members	Non-Members
Early	1 day	R 700	R 900
	2 days	R 1100	R 1300
Normal	1 day	R 900	R 1100
	2 days	R 1500	R 1800
Late	1 day	R 1300	R 1300
	2 days	R 2000	R 2000

Early bird up to 1 April, Normal to 1 May 2014, thereafter late fees will apply

**WHO IS ABIG:** The Animal Behaviour and Interaction Group (ABIG) consists of veterinarians and veterinary nurses that have a keen interest in animal behaviour, recognizing it as a vital component in the holistic treatment of animals and in strengthening the human-animal bond. ABIG focuses primarily on enriching the knowledge and skills of those interested in animal behaviour while also trying to increase awareness of the importance of animal behaviour and the human-animal bond to those within the veterinary fields.



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Jon leads the Veterinary Behaviour Service. He is particularly interested in the behavioural effects of medical problems, such as epilepsy, syringomyelia and pain. He also has a particular interest in progressing our understanding of noise phobia in dogs, inter-cat aggression, cognitive ageing and abnormal behaviour (such as shadow chasing, self-mutilation and tail chasing).



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

### **OPEN DAY: 17 May 2014**

**Focus on behavioural issues faced by Veterinarians, Vet Nurses, Animal Behaviourists, Practice Receptionists and other Professionals**

07h30 Registration, Tea/Coffee

#### Session 1

08h30 Welcome and congress opening – SAVA president  
Dr Henk Basson

08h45 *Fear and Anxiety: definition, causes, physiology*  
Dr Aileen Pypers

09h25 *Recognising and treating fear, anxiety and fear aggression*  
Dr Frederique Hurly

10h05 **Tea/Coffee**

#### Session 2

10h35 *The effect of puppy socialisation, training and routines on anxiety* – Sr Carla van der Merwe

11h05 *Canine cognitive disorder* – Dr Jon Bowen

12h00 **Lunch**

#### Session 3

12h45 – 13h15: *Separation and separation related anxiety* – TBC

13h15 – 13h55: *Environmental enrichment to reduce stress* – Dr Frederique Hurly

13h55 – 14h35: *Alternative therapies to treat fear and anxiety* – Dr Anushka Viljoen

14h35 **Tea/Coffee**

#### Session 4

14h55 *Human fear and anxiety* – Dr Lynette Roux

15h35 *Noise phobia* – Dr Jon Bowen

16h30 Time for questions to the panel

17h00 **Sundowners and time to get to know each other**