

# The Animal Behaviour Consultants of Southern Africa (C<sup>®</sup>TM)



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is open to both professionals and non-professionals.  
Anyone with an interest in animal behaviour would benefit.

### Advantages:

- An opportunity to become an ABC Accredited consultant which is of a high standard and well respected.
- Benefits include bi-monthly newsletters, seminars, workshops and access to up-to-date information on animal behaviour.
- Reduced price for educational talk evenings and video recordings of the talk.
- Affiliation with an organisation that has a high standard of ethics and training/behavioural modification practices.
- Opportunity to advertise events/schools on the Website & FB page which has a substantial following.
- Networking opportunities to share ideas, work referrals and improve the industry as a whole.

### **When applying for membership you are accepting the CODE OF ETHICS:**

#### **Animal Behaviour Consultants resolve at all times to:**

- Offer services for which they are suitably qualified, in a professional manner. If a case is beyond a consultant's scope of expertise or experience, it is expected that consultants refer such cases to a suitably experienced or qualified colleague, or work in liaison with such consultant.
- Treat clientele with honesty, confidentiality, understanding and compassion, and ensure the client is not misled or exploited.
- Treat the animal (where applicable) in liaison with the referring veterinarian and be aware of any potential behaviour problems that may be associated with a physiological cause. When indicated, prior to a consultation, the consultant should recommend that the client consult with their veterinarian in order to rule out or confirm such a possibility.
- Ensure that the behaviour problem is thoroughly investigated, and the animal concerned fully evaluated.

- Offer advice, which is practical, and appropriate for each individual case. Such advice should be based on practical, up to date scientific applications and practices.
- Avoid any method of treatment, equipment or techniques that inflict physical pain, intimidation, and / or cause undue psychological/physiological distress.
- Use methods of behaviour modification and/or training that do not contravene any section of the Animal Protection Act No 71 of 1962.
- Encourage responsible companion animal ownership and education and promote awareness of animal behaviour wherever possible.
- Continue to further their own education in their respective animal behaviour field, and keep abreast of new developments in this science
- Become familiar and liaise with all relevant aspects of animal industry.
- Maintain a professional relationship with other organisations in the same field, and encourage positive interaction and cooperation between organisations, and treat all professionals, regardless of affiliation with respect.
- Avoid any actions, which may discredit the A.B.C. or any of its members.

## **TYPES OF ABC MEMBERSHIP:**

### **1. Normal membership.**

This type of membership does not permit a member to practice as an animal behaviour consultant. Membership is open to *anyone* with an interest in animal behaviour.

### **2. Accredited Animal Behaviour Consultant**

Once Normal Membership has been completed, a professional can apply for Full Accreditation.

After a successful application the animal behaviourist will be listed on the consultant's page on the website.

Accredited Animal Behaviourists are reviewed every two years.

### **3. Senior Animal Behaviour Consultant**

Referred to as a senior consultant.

This title is awarded on merit to an Accredited Animal Behaviour Consultant by the Accreditation committee.

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## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

A once off joining fee of R120.00 is charged. Thereafter an annual subscription of R120.00 is payable every January irrespective of the month joined in the prior year.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First names: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Professional Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for Membership of the A.B.C. of SA and **agree to comply with the Constitution and Code of Ethics** should my application be accepted. I understand that my membership fee will be refunded should my application fail.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### **BANK DETAILS:**

#### **ABC of SA**

Standard Bank Fourways Crossing

Account no. : 42 669 167 9

Branch Code: 00 99 53

**Reference:** surname/Membership e.g. Jones/Membership

Please mail the completed form to [secretary@animal-behaviour.org.za](mailto:secretary@animal-behaviour.org.za) together with your proof of payment.