

# 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 plus the current years subscriptions of R120.00 is required.

Therefore total cost on application is R240.00

Thereafter an annual subscription of R120.00 is payable the following January irrespective of the month joined in the prior year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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