

Common Problems

With today's modern lifestyle many people enjoy the company of a pet, not only for the companionship they gain but for many other reasons too.

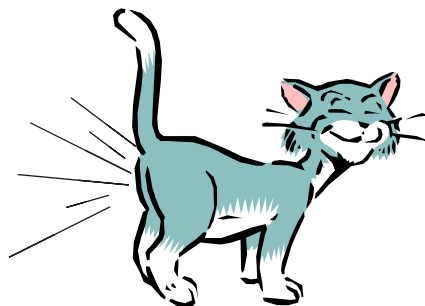
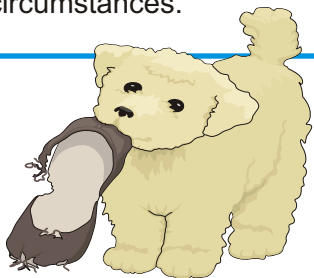
It all seems idyllic with the perfect friend and companion by your side. However, this is not always the case.

The range of behavioural problems exhibited in dogs and cats is varied, they include:

- * Aggression - People / Animal
- * Destructiveness
- * Toileting problems
- * Marking
- * Spraying
- * Self mutilation
- * Vocal behaviour
- * Nervousness
- * Car travel
- * Livestock chasing and general control.

Pet Behaviour Referrals can offer help with these as well as behaviour problems exhibited in smaller companion animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, parrots, etc and also horses.

The treatment of behaviour problems takes time in establishing the motivation and, where possible, the cause and development of suitable treatment programmes. Problems can be corrected or controlled, using kind methods and a system of rewards, which are easy for everyone to follow and adapted for the owners' circumstances.



Behaviour Referral Clinics

Cleveland:	Middlesbrough
Cumbria:	Windermere
Northumberland:	Monk Seaton
Tyne & Wear:	Gosforth South Shields
Yorkshire:	Beverley Pontefract Skipton



Home Visits
in
All Counties



Booking an Appointment

* Telephone to arrange a consultation. This can be held at one of the Behaviour Referral Clinics, or in your own home. You will be asked to send a deposit to secure your appointment. The deposit is non-refundable but is deductible from the total fee at the time of the consultation.

* Consultations normally last about one and a half hours. It is preferable for all family members involved to be present and, where applicable, this will include other dogs within the household. During the consultation a detailed history of the presenting problem and your pet's daily routine will be taken along with a full behaviour assessment. This will enable me to establish and explain to you the motivation and cause for your pet's behaviour.

* The advice you will be given will vary according to the nature and severity of your pet's problem behaviour. Written notes, handouts and other information relevant to your pet's problem are given at the time of the appointment.

* Following the appointment, a report outlining the motivation for your pet's behaviour and the advice you have been advised to implement is sent to you and a copy to your Veterinary Surgeon. You will be asked to maintain weekly contact via the telephone or email, with progress reports for as long as necessary.

* The behaviour modification programme advised may produce results very quickly, but often it will take time, effort and a 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.

REFERRAL SLIP

Owners' Name:

Address:

Contact No - Daytime: -
Evening: -

People involved / living with pet (please state gender & age):

Pets Name:

Species / Breed: Age:

Sex: M / F Neutered Yes / No

Nature of Problem:

Problem first experienced:

Referring Veterinary Surgeon:
Practice Stamp:

- Medical History accompanies this slip
- Medical history supplied by post / fax
- There is no relevant medical history

Signed: MRCVS

Please note any observations, history or points that you feel may be of benefit and bring these along at the time of the consultation.

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Carrie is a member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors and Centre of Applied Pet Ethology. She has an Advanced Diploma in Companion Animal Behaviour and Training and specialises in Problems in Multi Pet Households, Aggression and medical disorders which affect behaviour. She lectures to veterinary nurses, dog wardens and other organisations and is an expert witness in court cases.

She has a vast amount of knowledge and practical experience which includes training Guide Dogs for the Blind, Veterinary Nursing and Animal Welfare.

Carrie is also a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and runs her own successful puppy socialisation and pet dog training classes. She presently has three dogs and one cat (2006) but until 2 years ago she had five dogs and three cats, hence her interest in multi pet households. Her interest in medical disorders which affect behaviour originated from one of her own dog, Mabel, having Fore and Hind Brain Syndrome a condition that affects behaviour and orientation.



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