

Working with your veterinarian

Your veterinarian's role in the behavior consulting process is very important. We work closely with your veterinarian to provide the best behavior care for your pets.

CAABs frequently work through veterinary referrals and maintain communication with the veterinarian throughout the behavior modification process. In most cases, CAABs will provide a written report to your veterinarian.

Why choose a CAAB?

CAABs are uniquely qualified with both academic education and extensive hands-on professional experience to work with you to find an effective, humane problem-resolution plan for your pet and your family.

Let us help you with...

- Problem prevention, puppy and kitten wellness, pre-adoption counseling
- Housesoiling & litter box problems
- Fears, phobias and compulsive disorders
- Separation anxiety and other home-alone problems
- Problems between family pets
- Aggressive behaviors toward people and animals



Certified Applied
Animal Behaviorist

Finding a CAAB

CAABs can be found worldwide. For additional information about the Animal Behavior Society, our certifying organization, visit www.AnimalBehavior.org.



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For more information about CoreCAAB Partners, and to find a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, visit www.CertifiedAnimalBehaviorist.com

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No matter how mystifying, confusing or out of the ordinary you think your pet's behavior is, we know there are *Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists* who can help you and your pet.

About Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists (CAABs)

Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists are a group of professionals whose formal education, experience and adherence to ethical standards set them apart as experts in the field of applied animals behavior. We provide the public with scientific, leading-edge information about pet behavior.

More animals are removed from their homes due to behavioral problems than medical problems.

Even a simple problem can become worse without appropriate intervention. Basic obedience training will not solve behavior problems such as aggression, fear or separation anxiety. Because anyone can use the title "trainer," "animal behaviorist, consultant or therapist" and similar titles, it can be difficult to select a qualified individual to work with your pet. Call a CAAB if you want help deciding which course of action to take.

When there has been a change in behavior, prior to referral to a CAAB, your pet should be examined by a veterinarian to evaluate and exclude medical conditions.



Unique qualifications

A Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist meets the following criteria:

- Six to ten years of academic education resulting in a Masters (MS/MA) or doctoral (PhD) degree with a focus on animal behavior
- Supervised experience and mentoring in a formal behavior program
- Original research and publication in professional journals, adding to the body of knowledge about pet behavior
- Some have a DVM or VMD and postgraduate training in animal behavior

Additional skills

- ▶ Educating other pet professionals
- ▶ Counseling on behavior wellness
- ▶ Consulting with the pet industry, zoos and other captive environment agencies
- ▶ Consulting on environmental enrichment
- ▶ Developing educational materials for agencies and industry
- ▶ Training classes for puppies, adult dogs and competition
- ▶ Mentoring and intern programs for veterinarians and graduate students

Certification by the Animal Behavior Society demonstrates that certified individuals meet the Society's educational, experiential and ethical criteria for a professional applied animal behaviorist. The Animal Behavior Society is a nonprofit, scientific society, founded in 1965 to encourage and promote the study of animal behavior.

We help you keep your pet an enjoyable member of the family.

What a CAAB can do for you:

Respect the human-animal bond

- We know that pets are family, not a member of a pack
- We understand how a pet's behavior can have a significant affect on the family
- We handle your pet gently and with respect throughout the behavior modification process

Analyze

- Pet behavior can be complex, so we spend significant time taking a behavioral history
- We determine why your pet is behaving in a way that is causing you concern
- Our analysis is directly linked to the sciences of animal learning and behavior
- We know each problem requires an individual solution, and we create a customized plan for you and your pet

Educate and demonstrate

- We take the time to explain the cause or motivation of your pet's behavior
- We spend considerable time with you and your family explaining and demonstrating what we want you to do and why
- Conflicting information you have received about your pet can be discussed
- We want you to feel you have a concrete plan that addresses your concerns about your pet's behavior