

# The Gazette



The twice yearly round up of news and developments in the Animal Behaviour and Training sector

Welcome to the tenth edition of the ABTC Gazette. This issue sees further expansion of membership of the Animal Behaviour and Training Council, development of ongoing projects and the higher profile the Council is enjoying at veterinary conferences.

This edition marks nine years since the first meeting held at the Royal Veterinary College in London in December 2009 where it was decided to create a regulatory body for Animal Training and Behaviour.

### New Member Organisations

Another two significant additions to the ABTC membership ranks are the addition of The British Horse Society and the World Horse Welfare.



Following the news in the Spring that The Horse Trust had joined ABTC we can safely say that we are becoming well established in the horse sector.

Another new member to welcome is Autism Dogs.



Autism Dogs CIC provides a fully managed Assistance Dog Programme for persons diagnosed with ASD.



A very busy and successful time at the BVNA Congress this year. Over the years we have been attending the questions have changed from 'who are you?' and 'what do you do?' to delegates actively seeking us out and asking how they can get involved. This was a common theme that was first noted at the BSAVA congress earlier in the year.

There has also been a noticeable increase in footfall year on year as the subject of behaviour and training becomes a subject more readily associated with animal welfare in the veterinary profession.

Special points of interest:

- > Welfare Fund
- > New Members
- > BVNA Congress 2018
- > RCVS Review of paraprofessionals



Welfare Fund

Following the pilot study that was concluded earlier this year discussions are now taking place to decide how to develop this project to its full potential.

The fund was established to provide expert behaviour advice through the PDSA network of hospitals to pet owners who could not afford it.

Currently ABTC is subsidising the fund but as it grows greater financial backing will be sought.

Plans for the development of the network of qualified practitioners is one of the topics to be discussed at the forthcoming meeting (see over)

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## Membership Categories

There are a number of different categories of membership of the ABTC.

### Practitioner Organisation

Practitioner organisations are those that directly represent practitioners of animal training and behaviour therapy. Membership fee £220 annually.

### Advisory Organisation

Advisory organisations are those that are animal welfare related stakeholders but do not directly represent practitioners. Membership fee £220 annually.

### Individual

Individuals can only be members by invitation of the ABTC and they must have a particular skill or specialist knowledge that will benefit the work of the Council.

### Supporting Organisation

Supporting organisations are similar to Advisory organisations although they have a much reduced membership fee and although they may take part in discussions and consultations they do not have any voting rights. Membership fee £50 annually.

Applications are always welcome and the necessary forms can be found on the website .



### RCVS Review of Paraprofessional activities

For well over a decade the subject of regulating paraprofessionals has been contemplated by the RCVS. Finally that goal is coming to fruition.

The RCVS Exemption Orders and Associates Working Party have been examining the possibility of creating a process that will bring certain paraprofessional activities under the Royal College's regulatory umbrella. Preparations for the process are well under way and it is expected that formalities should be able to get started early next year.

Earlier this year ABTC had a very positive preliminary meeting with the Working Party to represent the animal training and behaviour sector.

ABTC is now poised to begin the accreditation process as soon as the procedures are finalised.

### Next ABTC meeting

The 25th scheduled meeting is due to take place at Nobel House (Defra) in London on the 5th December 2018, marking nine years since our very first gathering.

As ever the agenda is comprehensive covering a wide range of topics related to the continued development of ABTC.

This promises to be the largest meeting to date which should not be a surprise given the ever expanding membership which now totals 30 organisations representing the broadest possible profile of the animal welfare sector.

### New Membership Category

A new membership category is to be created for organisations that want to show their support for the work of the ABTC.

Typically it is aimed at organisations that provide useful contributions to society with animals that can not necessarily use ABTC registered trainers due to their size, recruiting issues and other expertise required to carry out their role.

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## Book Review

**ONE WELFARE**  
A Framework to Improve Animal Welfare and Human Wellbeing  
Edited by **Rebeca García Pinillos**



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Contemporary and thought-provoking, this book provides a definition of the concept of One Welfare: A Framework to improve Animal Welfare and Human Wellbeing. The book establishes a conceptual framework, in five sections, resulting from a three month global consultation on a draft proposal comprising nine areas.

One Welfare complements the One Health and Eco Health approaches, enabling full integration of animal welfare within other disciplines; a much needed tool to help improve animal welfare, human wellbeing and environmental components, and support worldwide sustainable development goals for all those keen to extend the one health approach to animal welfare and human wellbeing.

ABTC has been an enthusiastic supporter of the One Welfare concept and is pleased to see it develop with this publication.

Proceeds of printed book sales profit from this website will go towards the crowdfunding campaign to make the e-book free access and 75% into the One Welfare Community Interest Company to support the dissemination and implementation of One Welfare

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## Forthcoming events

A system of advertising quality events of an educational nature that support the aims of the ABTC is available.

Such events will be publicised on the ABTC website and Facebook page for free. Applications to the Secretary in the first instance. The right to withhold publication is reserved.

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