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# Behaviour Congress

**Thursday 8 June 2023**

9.30am-4.30pm



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# Behaviour Congress Programme

**9am – 9.30am** **Online Registration and Exhibition**

**9.30am – 9.35am** **Chairman's Welcome**

*Lauren Norton BSc (Hons) RVN PGDipCAB CertVNECC*

**9.35am – 10.20am** **Feline Toileting Issues – A Welfare Concern**

*Lucy Hoile, MSc CCAB ABTC – CAB*

Urine marking inside the home and toileting in unwanted places are common problems among the feline population, much to the displeasure of their owners, who often see this as a deliberate act of malice.

In actuality, these behaviours often indicate the cat is unhappy and needs help and understanding. In these cases, the cat's welfare is compromised, and this talk discusses why this is may be so.

We will also look at the potential underlying causes, as well as treatment strategies that improve the cat's welfare while encouraging more suitable toileting habits.

**10.20am – 11.05am** **Preventing Conflict in Multi-Cat Households**

*Dr Sarah Ellis, BSc (Hons), PG Dip CABC, PhD*

Recent research has indicated it is likely around 2 million cats in the UK are living under stressful conditions due to living with another cat (PAW Report 2022). This is stress that could be prevented by putting greater owner understanding of cat behaviour into practice.

This presentation will provide an overview of cat's environmental and social needs (human and cat) with particular reference to the multi-cat household. You will come away with top tips to share with clients who are thinking of extending their single cat household to a multi-cat one and for those clients currently with multi-cat households.

**11.05am – 11.30am** **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

**11.30am – 11.55am** **Online Exhibition and Lounges**

**11.55am – 12.55pm** **Neutering Dogs – where do we go from here?**

*Sarah Davies, BVMS MRCVS CTC ABTC-VB*

In recent years, research has cast a light on the negative effects of neutering dogs, both male and female, whether it be on their health or their behaviour. The conversation is moving away from purely the timing, to whether to do it at all. Where does this leave us, our clients, and dog welfare?

In this session, you will learn about some of the research behind this topic, what this might mean for your practice policy, the advice you give to your clients, what procedure you choose to perform, and how you handle dogs pre and post-operatively.

**12.55pm – 1.15pm** **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

**1.15pm–2.15pm**

## **Online Exhibition and Lounges**

**2.15pm – 3pm**

### **Things that go crash, bang, wallop! Management of canine noise fears and phobias**

*Dr Julie Ashton, BSc(Hons), BVSc, MANZCVs (Veterinary Behaviour), MRCVS, Life on Four Legs*

Noise fears and phobias are a common issues in dogs. During this presentation, we will discuss what classifies as a fear or phobia and look at when this becomes 'abnormal' and starts to affect animal welfare. We will discuss presenting signs, how it can develop and what ways we can offer advice on management.

**3.0pm – 3.45pm**

### **Rescuing the Rescues – How can we help the rescue dog integrate into our world?**

*Hannah Donovan, BSc (Hons) BVM&S MVetSci MSc (Clinical Animal Behaviour) MRCVS CCAB, Donovan Vet Behaviour*

This presentation will cover the following key learning points:

- Rescue dogs – from this country and overseas. What can we expect?
- Canine Behaviour – Body Language and Interpretation. This section aims to offer tools for understanding and interpreting what emotions our canine patients may be experiencing by observing their behaviour.
- How do we deal with "sticky" situations? What can we do to keep everybody safe and facilitate handling of a "difficult" dog? Some hints and tips for improving the experience of the situation.
- What can we do to help these individuals in the future? How can we change the dog's perspective of these situations? Providing some tools for teaching owners how to help prepare their rescue dog for veterinary care.

**3.45pm – 4.10pm**

**Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

**4.10pm–4.15pm**

### **Chairman's Close**

*Lauren Norton BSc (Hons) RVN PGDipCAB CertVNECC*

**4.15pm–4.30pm**

## **Online Exhibition and Lounges**

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