

**Comparison table of the various groups January 2024**

		ABTC (Animal Behaviour and Training Council)	PETbc (Pet Education Training Behaviour Council)	KCAI (Kennel Club Accredited Instructors)	RCDTBP (Registration Council for Dog Training and Behaviour Practitioners)	ICAN (International Companion Animal Network)	Charter (UK Dog Behaviour and Training Charter)	CCAB Certification Ltd
1	Comprehensive standards for identified roles	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
2	Standards covering the underlying knowledge and understanding required to use humane evidence-based methods only	Yes	No	**Yes	No	No	No	Yes
3	Standards covering the performance skills and experience needed for the role using humane evidence-based methods only	Yes	No	**Yes	No	No	No	Yes
4	Rigorous assessment of individual practitioners	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Unknown
5	APEL process allowing registration access to experienced practitioners based on assessment against standards	Yes	No	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
6	Training or Behaviour	Training and Behaviour	Training and Behaviour	Training	Training	Training and Behaviour	Training and Behaviour	Behaviour
7	Species	Dogs, Cats, Equids, Birds, Reptiles, Small Mammals, Domestic Livestock, Zoo and Aquarium animals	Dogs	Dogs	Dogs	Dogs, Cats	Dogs	Unknown

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8	Methods	Humane evidence-based, non-aversive	Aversives allowed	Aversives allowed	Humane behaviour towards animals	Positive force-free	Non-punitive, science-led	Humane evidence-based, non-aversive
9	Robust code of practice - requires a complaints procedure based on clearly defined standards	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Unknown
10	CPD requirement	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	Ethical marketing policy - prevents unrealistic claims being made about what a practitioner offers to do and defines what they are actually allowed to do	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Unknown
12	Legal entity - as stated; otherwise informal association of groups/individuals	Yes - Charity	Private Limited company	No (part of KC)	CIC	No	Private Limited company	Private Limited Company
13	Registered with ICO	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Unknown
14	Registered on Equality Register	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Unknown
15*	Supported by animal welfare charities	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Unknown
16	Supported by BSAVA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Unknown
17	Supported by BVA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Unknown
18	Supported by BVNA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Unknown
19	Aims supported by RCVS	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
20	Number of training/behaviour organisations represented	12	2	1	0	3	8	1
21	Total number of member organisations	43	1	1	1	4	8	1

15\* Animal Welfare charities who support ABTC:

- Autism Dogs
- Battersea Dogs and Cats Home
- Blue Cross
- British Horse Society
- Cats Protection
- Dogs Trust
- European Turtle Alliance
- International Cat Care
- National Search & Rescue Dog Association
- PDSA
- RSPCA
- SSPCA
- The Donkey Sanctuary
- The Horse Trust
- Wood Green
- World Horse Welfare

2\*\* Although there is confusion as to whether KC allow the use of choke chains in some circumstances

Correct at 5 January 2024