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**ABTC Practitioner – Malpractice/inappropriate advice from others**

**Case Example Template**

**Introduction**

The ABTC collects examples of real-life cases where registered ABTC Practitioners – Trainers, Instructors and Behaviourists - have been asked to help owners/guardians with their animals. The owners/guardians may have previously sought advice elsewhere which was inappropriate/inhumane and had a detrimental impact[s] on the animal and/or the owner/guardian.

By collecting examples of cases where ABTC Practitioners have been able to support and help clients in such incidences, we can highlight to the public the risks of using individuals who purport to be experts but have not undertaken rigorous and independent assessments of their knowledge, understanding and practical skills. It also enables the ABTC to showcase to government bodies the importance of having recognised accreditation across the animal training and behaviour industry, to improve animal welfare and reduce risk of harm to animals and/or those around them.

If you have a case you are happy to share with the ABTC, we welcome your submission. This enables the ABTC to maintain our case library, and utilise such examples within ABTC communications.

Please ensure that if you are using any images or names of individuals (e.g. clients, yourself, etc), you have signed consent to do so. If that is not possible, then please only complete the information you are able to confirm as accurate and retain the anonymity of your client/animals.

**ABTC CASE TEMPLATE – to be completed by the
ABTC Practitioner**

**Your Information**

* **Name:**
* **Contact Email:**
* **ABTC Practitioner Organisation[s] to which you are associated:**

**Client and Animal Information**

* **Signalment (species, breed, gender, age, neuter status):**
* **Brief Overview of the Presenting Issues:**
* **Date of Engagement of the ABTC Practitioner:**

**Overview of the Inappropriate Advice Client Received**

*Please detail the advice given by the ‘trainer/behaviourist’ and how it was identified as inappropriate/unethical/harmful.*

* **Description of Advice Received:**
* **Identified Issues with the Advice:**
* **Impact on the Animal and Owner/Guardian:**

**Intervention by ABTC Practitioner**

*Please describe the steps taken by you, as the ABTC Practitioner, to address the issues and support the client.*

* **Initial Assessment and Planning:**
* **Specific Actions Taken:**
* **Challenges Encountered and Overcome:**

**Outcomes and Improvements**

*Highlight the positive changes observed in the animal and the owner/guardian’s situation as a result of your intervention.*

* **Animal’s Behavioural Changes:**
* **Owner/Caregiver’s Feedback:**
* **Long-term Follow-Up Plan (if applicable):**

**Consent for Use of Images and Information**

*If applicable, confirm that you have obtained consent to use images and additional details in ABTC’s campaigns and discussions.*

* **Consent Provided by Owner/Guardian: YES/NO**
* **Attached Images (if applicable):**

*Please ensure images are labelled/dated and described adequately.*

**Additional Comments**

*Please provide any other relevant information or insights that you feel could help support ABTC’s advocacy efforts.*

**Submission Instructions**

*Please review all the information provided for accuracy and completeness. Upon confirmation, email the completed template to* *info@abtc.org.uk* *for inclusion in ABTC’s case library examples and use in campaigns and discussions with any relevant government/other bodies.*

*Finally, thank you for all your support.*