

# The Gazette



A periodic round up of news and developments in the Animal Behaviour and Training sector

Welcome to the 24th edition of the ABTC Gazette! This edition marks 12 years of twice yearly updates although there were regular newsletters going back a further four years to our very beginning in 2010.

Much has changed over the last 16 years leading up to our current situation as by far the largest collection of organisations (currently 43) working together with the common goal of supporting standards that improve the welfare of animals undergoing training and behaviour therapy.

## New Sponsorship Programme

We're thrilled to share our new and exciting Sponsor opportunity for individuals and organisations! From just £50, you can join our fantastic ABTC community and show your support for our work!

We've created various sponsorship categories from bronze to platinum that allow you to support the ABTC's important work. There are all sorts of benefits available, including opportunities to have your name and/or logo shown on the ABTC website and in our media communications. You'll have an ABTC sponsor logo sent as part of your sponsorship package too! A huge vote of thanks to those who have already responded to the call and signed up as sponsors.

For more information check out the website at <https://abtc.org.uk/sponsors/>



## Invitation to apply to become a trustee

Each year at the AGM a number of trustees must retire and the ABTC has to engage new trustees in accordance with the constitution and Charity Commission requirements. We are now actively looking to recruit new trustees to help drive the charity forward. If you have the skills, time and energy to enhance the management team and promote the cause this could be a rewarding opportunity for you to contribute to animal welfare.

For more information contact us at: <https://abtc.org.uk/about/news/>

## UKAS Progresses

In preparation for our final assessment we went through a pre-assessment process to identify any final tweaks necessary in our policies and procedures before the final assessment later this year.

The report was complimentary and final preparations are now underway taking us one step closer achieving the accreditation we seek as a formal certification body.



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Special points of interest:

- > Sponsorship programme
- > Become a trustee



Once again the ABTC was at the BVBA Study Day with its stand in March. Our travelling stand provides a valuable point of contact for organisations and individuals interested in joining the behaviour and training sector all over the country.



## Reform of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

Most readers should now be aware that the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966) is currently undergoing a review. The intention is to create a new act including a number of significant changes.

Arguably the most noteworthy change is the proposal to bring allied professions under the regulatory umbrella of the RCVS.

As the consultation has only just been completed it will be some time before anything substantive happens as there are many stages to complete before it becomes law. However it is evidence of the political will to regulate activities that contribute to the vet team.

## Membership Categories

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

### Assessing Organisation

Assessing Organisations can assess practitioners for the various role standards. They are usually but not exclusively also practitioner organisations.

### Practitioner Organisation

Practitioner organisations are those that directly represent practitioners of animal training and behaviour therapy.

### Advisory Organisation

Advisory organisations are those that are animal welfare related stakeholders but do not directly represent practitioners.

### Supporting Organisation

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

### Honorary

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

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

For more information go to: <https://abtc.org.uk/organisations/>

## ABTC Shop

Welcome to the ABTC shop! Show your support for ABTC with a product from the range of goods available at <https://shop.abtc.org.uk/>

"From comfortable, durable apparel to practical accessories, each item is made with ethically sourced materials, ensuring a low environmental impact while supporting ABTC's charitable aims." Fiona Cooke ABTC Chair



Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Animal Behaviour and Training Council with #easyfundraising!

Thank you also to those who have recently signed up. If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely **FREE**. 7,300 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - **at no extra cost to you!**

Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abtc/>

So far **£1314** has been raised to contribute to our work for improved animal welfare.



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## BSI Membership

**Because we're committed to the highest standards**



## Social Media

ABTC is now active on Bluesky at [abtcouncil.bsky.social](https://abtcouncil.bsky.social)

Check out our feed and see our video shorts explaining what we are about.



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## New Member



The College of Scent Dogs

Congratulations to the latest addition to ABTC membership. The College of Scent Dogs has now qualified as a Practitioner Organisation and brings our total membership to 43 organisations.

[www.thecollegeofscentdogs.com](http://www.thecollegeofscentdogs.com)

## Fees

After several years of unchanged fees we have had to bow to general financial pressures and review our fees.

Revised fees are published on the website. They reflect the true costs of running a professional regulatory body but as far as possible any increases are in line with inflation.

As a charity ABTC does not aim to make a profit and does take all possible measures to minimise the impact of its costs on the members.