

Pippa Hutchison MSc CCAB

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Education

Pippa Hutchison qualified from the School of Psychology at the University of Southampton with a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling. She also holds a post-graduate diploma in Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling Dip (AS) CABC.

Pippa has been accredited with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons' (RCVS) recognised post nominal of CCAB (Certificated Clinical Animal Behaviourist); is a full Member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC); and registered practitioner with the Animal Behaviour and Training Council - Registered Clinical Animal Behaviourist (ABTC). In addition, she is a Visiting Professor of Clinical Services at the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine; Honorary Lecturer at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies and Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow, School of Veterinary Medicine.

Lecturing experience

Master of Veterinary Public Health

University of Glasgow's Master of Veterinary Public Health (MVPH) Programme, where she has been involved from its inception in 2007. Her role in this programme is to teach the public health benefits of human-animal interaction and the concepts of interdependency (human-animal bond) at all levels. Lectures include relevant case studies.

Master in Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare

University of Edinburgh's Master in Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare. Her role in this programme is to teach ethology and learning theory; and by applying this knowledge help students understanding 'how the home environment can affect pet behaviour and welfare' and 'why relationships break down and how to put them back together again'. Lectures include relevant case studies.

Undergraduate teaching

Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies 3rd year Undergraduates: focusing on Feline fear and anxiety and in the dog, separation related disorders and common anxieties. Lectures include relevant case studies.

Final Year Elective

Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies Final Year Elective on Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare: teaching how to take an accurate behavioural history; establishing the motivation for the inappropriate behaviour, including differential diagnosis; using appropriate behaviour modification techniques; managing owner expectations; achieving owner compliance; measuring success.

Invited speaker

UK Organisations:

- **Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, Annual Conference**
Lecture on: The Human Animal Bond – Its importance in behaviour modification
- **British Small Animal Veterinary Association, Annual Conference**
Lecture on: Early Weaning of Kittens – potential behavioural effects; The Relationship – Human Animal Bond; Feline Companions – understanding the silent sufferers
- **British Veterinary Nursing Association**
Lecture on: Fear free vet visits for cats and dogs
- **College of Animal Welfare – veterinary nurse programme**
Lecture on: Introduction to feline behaviour; Breed differences; Behavioural development of (typical) kittens; Core territory and its importance; Clinical causes of behaviour problems; Fear, anxiety, phobia and aggression; Inappropriate toileting in cats.
- **Glasgow University's Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**
Lecture on: Cat's Life including case studies
- **International Cat Care, feline CPD at Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies**
Lecture on: Feline Fear and Anxiety – adaptive response or emergency case
- **Northern Veterinary Show, Annual Conference**
Lecture on: Dealing with the anxious dog
- **Vets Now Annual Conference – 2 day behaviour stream**
Lecture on: Rabbits – why a hutch is not enough; Make your practice behaviourally aware (inc case studies); Human-Animal Interaction; Feline fear and anxiety; Dealing with the anxious dog
- **Vet Trust Annual Conference**
Lecture on: Behaviour and welfare of rabbits; The relationship – human-animal bond; Separation related behaviour (canine) – the hidden welfare issue
- **XL Vets Small Animal Conference**
Lecture on: Learning theory and its application in veterinary practice

International Organisations:

- **Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, St Kitts** – delivering a 3 week elective course in Companion Animal Behaviour; advising on Animal Welfare topics within DVM Curriculum
- **American Association of Feline Practitioners, Chicago** – attend think tank weekend; writing and contributing content for:
Guidelines for Diagnosing and Solving House-Soiling Behaviour in Cats
<http://jfm.sagepub.com/content/16/7/579>
- **University College Dublin, School of Veterinary Medicine** – final year students
Lecture on: Human-Animal Bond

Media experience

Regular contributor to BBC Radio Scotland on animal behavioural and welfare matters. As Press and PR Officer for the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, representing the APBC on National Television; national and regional radio; providing quotes and statements for national and regional press.

Clinical experience

As a companion animal behaviour counsellor, Pippa works with the most popular companion animals; predator species – dog and cat; prey species – horse and rabbit and more recently exotic species - parrots.

Veterinary referred consultations are held throughout the UK either via home visits, or through the following clinics: the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies; the University of Glasgow, School of Veterinary Medicine; Broadleys Veterinary Hospital, Stirling and Vets Now Referrals, Glasgow.

Valuable case data and video footage is obtained for lecturing purposes.

Previous Experience

Previously as Managing Director of Veterinary Business Development Ltd (VBD), publishers of *Veterinary Times*, *The Veterinary Business Journal*, *VNTimes* and the *Henston Range* she has been affiliated with the veterinary profession all her working life.

Working as a volunteer behaviour assessor at Wood Green Animal Shelter, Huntingdon, provided her with invaluable practical experience in handling both cats and dogs. In particular, each dog was assessed and recommendations made as to the most suitable home environment or whether the dog was unsuitable for rehoming.

She keeps abreast of knowledge in the rapidly developing area of behavioural science as a member of: International Cat Care (ICC); The Society for Companion Animal Studies (SCAS); the British Veterinary Behaviour Association (BVBA) which is affiliated to the BSAVA and the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC).

Summary

Pippa is passionate about teaching both undergraduates and post-graduate students to ensure that welfare and the behavioural needs of the animals they treat are considered on a daily basis.

Owner expectation and reliance on the family pet continues to increase, placing increased pressure on these companions. Pippa strives to reinstate and improve the human-animal bond between a client and their companion animal, through manageable behaviour modification programmes.

Behaviour treatment programmes should become part of the management protocol of chronic clinical cases and in-patient care; indeed it should be used in every aspect of animal interaction within the veterinary practice.