

Owner-related distance increasing behaviour, a collection of cases

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Kate has been working with dogs and cats and their owners or caregivers in various capacities for almost 20 years. Kate developed a love for animal training and behaviour whilst completing her BSc (Hons) degree in Animal Management. Inspired to learn more, and develop further in this area, Kate attained an MSc degree in Clinical Animal Behaviour at the University of Lincoln, graduating with Distinction in 2016. During this same year Kate completed training as a Life Skills for Puppies Trainer, again with the University of Lincoln.

Throughout her career Kate has worked for various organisations, including Cats Protection and Dogs Trust, coaching staff and volunteers in the areas of cat and dog welfare, behaviour and training. Currently Kate works for Guide Dogs managing a team of Guide Dog Trainers in Scotland, helping to supply highly trained assistance dogs for people with visual impairments. Within this role Kate has achieved accreditation as an i-act practitioner, developing her knowledge and skills in the area of human mental health and wellbeing.

Having achieved her pre-certification, Kate is working towards her CCAB accreditation to become recognised as a certificated clinical animal behaviourist and is a candidate member of FAB Clinicians. Kate works with Donovan Veterinary Behaviour Practice (DVBP) seeing dog and cat behaviour cases.

In her spare time, she can be found snuggling up on the sofa with her two moggies or exploring Scotland in her campervan with her two withdrawn Guide Dogs!

In this webinar, Kate will present a small series of ongoing DVBP dog cases with the main presenting behaviour of owner-related distance increasing behaviour. Kate will cover what is meant by the term distance increasing behaviour and for each case will explore a brief history, the differential diagnoses for the behaviour, an overview of the behaviour modification programme and a summary of any progress seen. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion at the end of the webinar.