

The Veterinary Behavior Technician's Code of Ethics

The Veterinary Behavior Technicians code of ethics is based on honor, dignity and a commitment to advanced knowledge in scientifically based animal behavior, which lies in a just and reasonable code of ethics.

Veterinary Behavior Technicians . . .

- Shall aid society and animals by improving the relationship between pets and their owners, thus strengthening the human-animal bond.
- Shall educate the public in normal animal behavior and humane and current training methods.
- Shall conduct oneself in a professional demeanor that reflects the high ethical standards of veterinary technicians.
- Shall assist in efforts to ensure conditions and treatment of animals are ethical and just.
- Shall remain competent in animal behavior through a lifelong commitment to advanced learning.
- Shall assume accountability for individual professional actions and judgments.
- Shall work in a partnership with other veterinary behavior organizations to ensure patients receive the highest quality of care available. When training and/or behavior modification is part of the treatment plan, only those methods accepted as humane by the ACVB shall be deemed appropriate.
- Shall strive to uphold and improve standards in the animal behavior profession, legislation and education.
- Shall commit to developing and implementing public awareness programs for behavior problem prevention.
- Shall promote and assist clients in applying behavior modification as prescribed by a veterinarian.
- Shall protect animal welfare, prevent animal abuse and relieve the suffering of animals.

The Veterinary Behavior Technician Oath

I solemnly dedicate myself to serve animals and society strengthening the human-animal bond through educating the public about normal animal behavior.

I will commit myself to upholding the Veterinary Behavior Technicians Code of Ethics through example and teaching.

I accept my obligations to practice my profession conscientiously and with sensitivity to Animal welfare.

I shall always stay competent in scientifically based animal behavior through a lifelong commitment to continuing education.