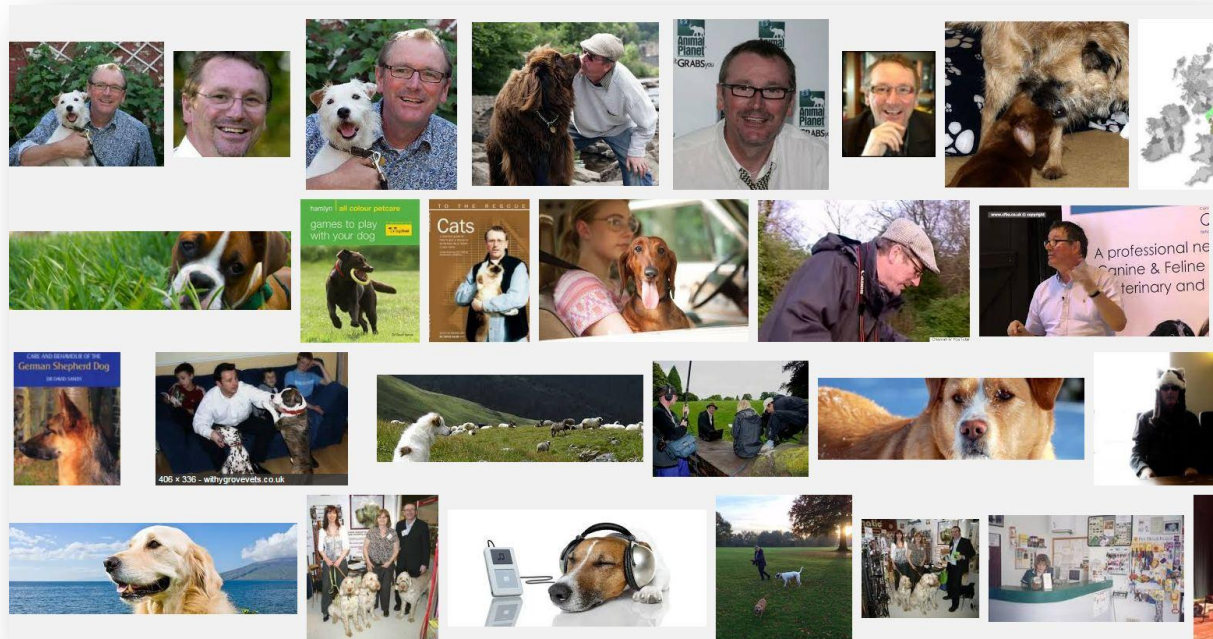


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Professional information:

Dr David D Sands Ph.D (FCFBA) is an established researcher in human and animal psychology with a general zoology background.

Dr Sands graduated with a doctorate in ethology (animal behaviour) in 1995 from Liverpool University and with 25 years of veterinary referrals is a leading animal behaviour clinician. Specialised research focus is in the psychological mechanisms of canine, feline, avian and equine behaviours including aggression and in the signs of OCD-like stress in animals. Areas of expertise are ‘attachments’ and Animal Welfare relating to aspects of the relationship between owners and their companion pets.

Dr Sands is competent to objectively assess all forms of canine behaviour observed, recorded and studied involving wild, feral and domesticated dogs and to provide analysis of wounds and bites in cases where predatory aggression has been presented to people and to review evidence of animals in terms of care and suffering. He is qualified to ascertain characteristics when assessing Banned Breeds (The Dangerous Dog Act 1991, and subsequent Amendments).



Accreditations

Dr Sands is registered with the CFBA as an Expert Witness and has two decades experience of Hearings held within Crown and Magistrates courts and able to undertake the assessment of dogs and the suitability of an owner in relation to Animal Welfare Act and the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, and Amendments.

Senior Fellowship of the Canine and Feline Behaviour Association as head of scientific research and Council Member of the PETbc, research and study groups.

Published in over 30 companion-animal books in many languages and acknowledged as an experienced media-based consultant for television and publishing with regard to clinical experience of most widely available companion breeds. As author of a major reference publication, *Know Your Dog*, based on clinical experience and behaviour research, his work has been published in 10 languages (including a Chinese edition) and has been reprinted several times. The book is recommended in degree courses and as a study reference for students undertaking Distant Learning modules in dog behaviour.

Instructions, Court Attendances and Hearings

Following instructions, after any Assessment or Animal Welfare considerations, case-reviews are undertaken including Statements and Evidence and, in cases that come under *The Dangerous Dogs Act* professional opinion can be provided based on a series of Standardised Tests for dogs. These Tests have been developed to establish if the subject animal is reactive-aggressive or non-reactive towards members of the public and those people unfamiliar to the dog. The Assessment is provided in the format of a 'Temperament-Assessment Report' in which a professional opinion is provided with regard to the temperament of a companion dog.

Any information and review of Statements provided is made available in structured Reports which can be used as evidence in cases brought before Magistrate and Crown Courts by Police Authorities, Local Authorities, Family Courts, Councils and legal representatives.

Professional services are provided to family and Defence or Prosecution Services with a duty is to report objectively and honestly.

Fees for Expert attendance, Assessment and Report writing:

LSC requirement £72 per hour - Expert's rate £150 per hour

Travel Time rates:

LSC requirement £36 per hour - Expert's rate £75 per hour

Standard Terms (unless negotiated and agreed prior to Instructions)

LSC: Settlement, 6 weeks on submission of signed Report and invoice

Client funded: 30-60 days

