

Animal Behavior Services

The Behavioral Medicine Clinic at the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) has a variety of options to address the needs of companion animals — our beloved dogs and cats — with behavioral issues. The VMC is the only referral hospital in Ohio that offers animal behavior services run by a board-certified veterinary behaviorist. A veterinary behaviorist is a veterinarian who has completed a residency program and passed the behavioral medicine board certification process. There are currently fewer than 100 board-certified veterinary behaviorists in the United States.



Behavior Medicine Appointments

Pets have personality; there is no denying it. And sometimes those personalities clash – with their environment, other pets, and even people. Our clinicians help pet owners gain an understanding of their pet’s behavior and help families and pets live together more comfortably and safely. Commonly addressed problems include:

- Human-directed aggression
- Inter-pet aggression
- Separation anxiety
- Inappropriate elimination
- Fears/phobias (e.g., thunder, wind)
- Compulsive behaviors
- Cognitive dysfunction



What can clients expect at a behavior medicine appointment?

Initial consultations in the Behavioral Medicine Clinic typically last one to two hours. Multiple pets or complex cases are likely to last longer.

They include:

- Physical examination
- Observation of pet
- Discussion of pet’s behavior(s)
- A comprehensive treatment plan

For questions about scheduling an appointment, please email OSUVET.BehaviorMedicine@osu.edu. Please note that we cannot diagnose or treat behavior problems via email or phone. A full appointment is necessary and legally required.

To schedule an appointment, clients can call 614-292-3551. A behavior assessment form is available on our website. Clients should complete and return this form at least three to seven days before their appointment to receive a \$20 discount. More information is available at vet.osu.edu/behavior.



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