

Course Trainers



Ben Hart: Ben is passionate about animal welfare and behaviour with over 17 years delivering training for private owners, corporate groups and welfare organisations, throughout the UK, Europe, Ethiopia, Egypt, Mexico, Cambodia, Australia, U.S.A. and Canada. This experience has created in-depth understanding of the special requirements of people who work with animals. Ben uses his extensive knowledge of the practical application of animal and human behaviour to deliver training and facilitation services that are relevant, sustainable and fulfil the needs of any organisation working with animals. Ben provides individual training and facilitation services that are based on natural principles of honesty, wisdom and responsibility so that training inspires change not just at the end of the day but for years to come. Ben has worked in also agriculture with all types of livestock in many countries and for organisations, including the RSPCA, The Blue Cross, The Brooke and The Donkey Sanctuary. He is also a Certified Horse Behaviour Consultant with the International Association of Animal Behaviour Consultants (IAABC). (benhart@hartshorsemanship.com)

Suzanne Rogers: Suzanne has a background in science publishing and then re-qualified in animal behaviour and welfare, gained extensive practical experience with several animal welfare organisations, worked as an equine behaviour consultant and founded Learning About Animals. Through extensive travel to developing countries Suzanne gained interest in transport animals and in 2005 joined the Board of the World Association for Transport Animal Welfare and Studies (TAWs). She is also co-founder of Change For Animals Foundation (CFAF) and of the Aquarium Welfare Association. In 2007 she became the Programmes Manager of the Companion Animal Unit at WSPA (now World Animal Protection) managing dog population and working equine programmes. A key part of this role was to develop and test participatory methodologies – working within communities to lead to a change in the way people manage and care for their animals. Suzanne led the move away from a heavy focus on mobile clinics towards prevention through participatory approaches. To reflect the broad applicability of the approach to other species she became the Technical Advisor for Human Behaviour Change Programmes. Since 2011, Suzanne has worked as an international consultant for animal welfare and human behaviour change and set up Human Behaviour Change for Animals (HBCA). She is also an active Certified Horse Behaviour Consultant with the International Association of Animal Behaviour Consultants (IAABC). (info@hbcanimalwelfare.com)

Catherine Bell: Dr. Catherine Bell is a former academic who developed a keen interest in human behaviour when needing to change her own behaviour for the sake of her horse. Later, once working as an equine behaviourist and independent barefoot hoof trimmer, she realised the importance of extending her interest in human behaviour to practical work with clients. She places particular emphasis on autonomy and intrinsic motivation, focusing on the need for clients to make their own choices, rather than being merely compliant. She is also fascinated by the relationship developed between client and professional and has studied various forms of counselling, exploring parallels between counsellor-client and behaviourist-client (or owner-horse!) relationships. Catherine continues to change her behaviour for the sake of her horse, and also for her two home educated children, whom she believes benefit greatly from their enhanced autonomy (and lack of compliance...). Catherine is also one of the co-founders of the Equine Behaviour and Training Association.