

Science Behind Animal Behaviour Series:

TOPIC: DOMESTICATION OF THE CAT - NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL SELECTION, AND ITS EFFECTS ON HEALTH & WELFARE



I graduated from the R(D)SVS, University of Edinburgh, with the Dick Vet Gold Medal (1991). After a year in small animal practice I joined The Feline Centre, University of Bristol, completing a Residency in Feline Medicine, then a PhD into Feline Infectious Peritonitis (1997). After a short period as Lecturer in Veterinary Pathology, University of Bristol, I returned to Edinburgh to establish the Feline Clinic; becoming Professor of Feline Medicine in 2006. I am interested in all aspects of feline medicine; am an internationally recognised expert in feline Medicine, have lectured extensively and published over a 160 peer-reviewed research papers, plus many reviews and book chapters. In 2009 I was awarded the BSAVA Woodrow Award for outstanding contribution in the field of small animal veterinary medicine, in 2011 I was awarded the International Society for Feline Medicine/Hill's award for Outstanding Contributions to Feline Medicine, in 2012 the Royal Dick students voted me "The clinician I would most like to be" (I am very proud of that), in 2016 FECAVA awarded my "Increased Vocalisation in Elderly Cats" the most original paper in the European Journal of Companion Animal Practice that year, and in 2017 I became a Fellow of the RCVS. I share my home with her husband Frank, two crazy Maine Coon boys called Brora & Macduff (both named after a Scottish single malt whiskies).

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TOPIC: FELINE FRIENDLY: THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE DOMESTIC CAT



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Dr Kiddie is an experienced international animal behaviour and welfare specialist, providing: consultancy to veterinary, welfare, education and advocacy organisations; public education and continuing professional development events; and empirical and desktop research into animal behaviour and welfare issues, publishing in international peer-reviewed scientific journals and presenting at international scientific and industry conferences.

Dr Kiddie is currently also a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Cumbria, and is the Head of Behaviour for a large animal welfare organisation in the UK, designing and delivering welfare-driven, evidence-based educational resources and advice for professionals and owners, and cross-directorial support to internal teams. She sits on a number of working groups, formed to address targeted areas of animal welfare, including the lobbying of Members of Parliament to effect legislative change to improve animal welfare, using Human Behaviour Change methods. Dr Kiddie also works closely with Dogs Trust Worldwide, reviewing funding applications submitted to their International Grants Programme, carrying out scoping and evaluation visits regarding funded initiatives, liaising with overseas NGOs and governmental bodies, and providing professional development training.

Dr Kiddie has previously held a senior lecturer role at Anglia Ruskin University, where she was also Chair of the Department of Life Sciences Research Ethics Panel, and was a teaching fellow at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh. Before gaining her PhD in the assessment of kennelled dog quality of life, funded by Dogs Trust, she also worked as an Education Officer for the Scottish SPCA and as a Scientific Officer for the RSPCA. Dr Kiddie's interest and expertise in shelter animal welfare developed during her time at Bristol Veterinary School, University of Bristol, where she was a Senior Clinical Training Scholar in Cat Behaviour and Welfare, funded by Cats Protection.