

Letter of Introduction

To whom it may concern,

Your client has expressed interest in scheduling a Behavioral Assessment with our team. Before moving forward, we wanted to introduce ourselves and provide additional information about our approach to behavior care and collaboration with veterinary teams.

Since this would be our first case together, I've included background information about my experience and approach for your review. We value collaborative care and want to ensure our recommendations align with your patient's overall medical needs and complement the care you already provide.

Although I am not a prescribing veterinarian, I have extensive experience working at the intersection of behavior, emotional wellbeing, and medical considerations in behavioral cases, including familiarity with behavior-related medication use. When appropriate, I collaborate with local veterinarians by sharing observations and behavior-specific considerations. My role is to support—not replace—the veterinary team in developing a comprehensive care plan for the patient.

A brief background on my clinical experience:

I have been working in veterinary medicine since 2005, became a licensed technician in 2012, and earned my Veterinary Technician Specialist (VTS) certification in behavior in 2018. I also hold additional certifications in Fear Free practices, animal training, and pain management. From 2016 to 2023, I worked closely with Amy Pike, supporting the development of the Behavior Department at the Veterinary Referral Center in Manassas, VA, as well as her practice, the Animal Behavior Wellness Center in Fairfax, VA. Through this work, I have built strong professional relationships with several veterinary behaviorists and residents in Northern Virginia, including Drs. Amy Pike, Leslie Sinn, Meaghan Ropski, and Esther Eng.

[\[My Full CV\]](#)

My goal is to provide “intermediate” behavioral support for families whose pets need more than general training or primary care guidance but may not require—or have access to—a veterinary behaviorist. I approach behavior cases in a structured, collaborative way: identifying the underlying motivation, screening for potential medical contributors, developing a realistic management plan, incorporating enrichment, and using behavior modification to build coping skills and appropriate alternative behaviors. When indicated, I also work closely with the primary veterinarian to support consideration of medication as part of the overall treatment plan.

When you have a moment, please share with your client whether you're open to collaborating on medication management. I would also be happy to connect directly to discuss any details in more depth. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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