

# Functional Behavioral Assessment

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## PREFACE

This book provides a brief review of the principles of behavior but assumes a strong familiarity with the laws and principles of behavior. Several of my previous books, including *Problem Animal Behavior*, as well as *What Causes Human Behavior* by Stephen Ledoux and *General Behaviorology* by Lawrence Fraley, provide more detailed coverage of this topic. One may also find the AABP Glossary useful. It can be found here:

<http://www.associationofanimalbehaviorprofessionals.com/glossary.html>

I struggled with whether or not to include a strongly framed and extensive introductory chapter on the benefits of the functional approach to assessing behavior over the structural approach. If the reader exhibits little interest in the argument for why the approach found in this book is superior, they should skip the first chapter and proceed on to the second chapter.

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