

Master's degree in Veterinary Clinical Ethology

Venue:

School of Veterinary Medicine (Autonomous University of Barcelona)

Academic period:

From February 7 to December 13, 2017

Aimed at:

Professionals with a degree in: Veterinary - Biology - Psychology - Medicine

Exceptionally, students of other specializations will be admitted.

Education acknowledgement:

The master course grants the degree of: Master in Veterinary Clinical Ethology, granted by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Language:

Classes are conducted in Spanish, except for lessons imparted by foreign speakers, which are conducted in English.

Cooperators and sponsors:

UAB's Facultat de Veterinària – UAB's Fundació Hospital Clínic Veterinari

STRUCTURE OF THE MASTER

General description

The course consists of 60 ECTs divided as follows: • 36 theory ECTs. • 15 practical ECTs. • 9 ECTs for the master's final work.

Schedule

On-site theory classes: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 16-19h (during the whole academic period, except on observed days)

Practical classes: morning, midday or evening, depending on the visits' schedule. Practices are organized during the course's first month.

Topics

Theory

1. General Ethology
 - Ethology's goals and methods
 - Introduction to ethology
 - Sources and medicine based on evidence
 - Behaviour control
 - Reproductive behaviour and effects of castration
 - Temperament or behaviour genetics, or Ontogeny or differences between breeds
 - Animal Welfare
 - Individual behaviour or activity rates, or hygiene behaviour or eating and predatory behaviour or excretion behaviour
 - Social behaviour, communication and biological basis of aggressiveness
 - Learning and behaviour modification
2. Clinical ethology of cats and dogs
 - Psychopharmacology
 - Aggression issues in dogs
 - Issues related to over-attachment
 - Inappropriate excretion issues in dogs
 - Excessive activity and vocalization issues in dogs
 - Alterations in eating habits (anorexia, pica or coprophagy)
 - Fears and Phobias
 - Compulsive behaviour
 - Behaviour issues in geriatric dogs
 - Inappropriate excretion issues in cats
 - Stress in cats
 - Aggression issues in cats
 - Behaviour issues with an organic cause
3. Clinical ethology for exotic animals

- Behaviour issues in reptiles
 - Behaviour issues in birds
 - Behaviour issues in small mammals
4. Management, communication and legislation
- Management at the clinic
 - Communication with the client
 - Legislation

Practice

- Attending in small groups the consultations on clinical ethology performed at UAB's Clinical Hospital of Veterinary Medicina
- Attending training and behaviour modification sessions performed by trainers at UAB's Clinical Ethology Service
- Sessions on the discussion of clinical cases

Master conferences

- Origin and evolution of pets
- Olfactory communication and pheromones
- Social behaviour, communication and main issues in horses
- Dog-owner relationship
- Stress in cats

Research project

Each student will carry out a research work related to any of the subjects analyzed in the theory program. The project may consist in an original research work, a review of clinical cases or a bibliographic search.

Professors

Amat, Marta. Obtained a diploma in Ethology at the European college (ECAWBM). Holds a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Veterinarian responsible for the Ethology service at UAB's Facultat de Veterinària. Department of Ciència Animal i dels Aliments

Camps, Tomàs. Obtained a diploma in Ethology at the European college (ECAWBM). Holds a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Veterinarian responsible for the Ethology service at UAB's Facultat de Veterinària. Department of Ciència Animal i dels Aliments

Cozzi, Alessandro. Veterinarian, MSc. Degree in veterinary medicine. Head of Pets and Sport Animals Department. IRSEA - Institut de Recherche en Semiochimie et Ethologie Appliquée (France)

Da Graça, Gonçalo, Obtained a diploma in Ethology at the European college (ECAWBM). Holds a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Fundador do Centro para o Conhecimento Animal (Lisboa)

Enseñat, Conrad. Veterinarian specialized in zoo animals. Mammals caretaker at Barcelona's zoo. Master in Clinical Ethology at UAB.

García Morato, Camino, Veterinary at the Ethology service of UAB's Facultat de Veterinària. Department of Ciència Animal i dels Aliments. Currently taking a residency program on Ethology at the European College (ECAWBM). Holds a degree in veterinary medicine.

García, Ramón. Veterinarian specialized on legislation of companion animals. Official school of les Illes Balears.

Hernández, Pablo. Veterinarian specialized on Ethology. Honorary profesor at Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

Jiménez, Jordi. Veterinarian specialized in exotic animals. Hospital Veterinari del Maresme.

Manteca, Xavier. Obtained a diploma on ethology at the European College (ECAWBM). Department of Ciència Animal i dels Aliments of UAB's Facultat de Veterinària (Ethology service).

Maritti, Chiara. Obtained a diploma on ethology at the European College (ECAWBM). Holds a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Group ETOVET. Università di Pisa

Martínez, Albert. Veterinarian specialized in exotic animals. CRARC (Amphibian and reptiles recovery center of Catalunya).

Martorell, Jaume. Veterinarian specialized in exotic animals. UAB's Fundació Hospital Clinic Veterinari.

Pageat, Patrick. Veterinarian specialized in Ethology. IRSEA - Institut de Recherche en Semiochimie et Ethologie Appliquée (France)

Tejedor, Sergio. Dog trainer at the ethology service of UAB's Facultat de Veterinària

Temple, Déborah. Holds a degree in veterinary medicine. Master on clinical ethology. Department of Ciència Animal i dels Aliments at UAB's Facultat de Veterinària.

Vilà, Carles. Evolutionary Biology Department. University of Uppsala

Pre-enrolment period

During the whole months of September and October 2016. PLACES ARE LIMITED. Candidates selection is based on their resumes. If you are interested in taking the course, please send your resume including a photograph to the following e-mail address: marta.amat@uab.es

Costs and payment method

Total cost: 4.300.- €

- Pre-enrolment procedures: 30 euros
- Enrolment: 4270 euros.

Payment may be effected with cheques in the name of Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, or else with VISA card.

Installment payments allowed.

Further Information at:

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