Liverpool John Moores University

Title: COMPANION ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology
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Academic Level:	FHEQ5	**Credit Value:**	24	**Total Delivered Hours:**	56
Total Learning Hours:	240	**Private Study:**	184		

Delivery Options
Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	21
Practical	14
Workshop	21

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	PBL	Problem-based learning	40	
Portfolio	Portfolio	On-lines tests and evaluation	60	

Aims

To provide an introduction to the behaviour and welfare of companion animals. The companion animals considered will be the dog (primarily) and horse with examples from a range of others as appropriate.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

1   Discuss a range of behaviour and welfare issues in companion animals and consider the possible underlying causes.
2   Evaluate a problem scenario that raises behaviour and welfare issues in companion animals and make realistic proposals, with clear justification, as to how these may be addressed.
3   Discuss the human-animal bond and the role of companion animals in animal assisted therapy.
4   Explain the theory of animal learning relevant to training and behaviour modification and develop some basic practical skills that can be used to introduce and shape a behaviour using positive reinforcement.
5   Discuss the role of a companion animal behaviour consultant.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Problem-based Learning   2

On-line tests & evaluation   1   3   4   5

Outline Syllabus

Introduction to the behaviour & welfare of companion animals. Consequences of domestication at breed level. Introduction to sensory perception & communication signals. The human-animal bond & animal assisted therapy. Common behavioural problems & possible causes. Animal learning in relation to training & behaviour modification. Companion animal welfare issues (e.g. welfare assessment, legislation, training & behavioural modification methods, breeding, housing, nutrition, exercise, transportation). Pet behaviour consultancy: introduction to the role of a companion animal behaviour consultant including aspects of clinical procedures - principles, procedures and practice.

Learning Activities

The module is delivered via a series of lectures, workshops & practicals. A number of lectures/workshops are delivered by external specialists to provide work-related learning opportunities.

Notes

To provide an introduction to the behaviour and welfare of companion animals i.e. the dog (primarily), horse and a range of others as appropriate. The theory behind animal training and behaviour modification is covered alongside the development of

some basic practical training skills.