Companion Animal Behaviour

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	5223NATSCI
Formal Module Title	Companion Animal Behaviour
Owning School	Biological and Environmental Sciences
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Biological and Environmental Sciences

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	29
Online	3
Practical	12
Workshop	7

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-CTY	CTY	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To evaluate the behaviour and welfare of companion animals.

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Discuss a range of behaviour and welfare issues in companion animals and consider the possible underlying causes.
MLO2	2	Discuss the human-animal bond in relation to functions of companion animals in modern society e.g. as pets and in animal assisted therapy.
MLO3	3	Evaluate the effectiveness of positive reinforcement and negative punishment to the training and behaviour modification of companion animals.
MLO4	4	Discuss the role of a companion animal behaviour consultant

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Introduction to the behaviour & welfare of companion animals. Consequences of domestication at breed level. Introduction to sensory perception & communication signals. Common behavioural problems & possible causes. Companion animal welfare issues (e.g. welfare assessment, legislation, training & behavioural modification methods, breeding). Animal learning in relation to training & behaviour modification. Pet behaviour consultancy: the role of a companion animal behaviour consultant including aspects of clinical procedures - principles, procedures and practice. The human-animal bond & animal assisted therapy.
Module Overview	The aim of this module is to evaluate the behaviour and welfare of companion animals. The module focuses mainly on dogs, specialising in the varied roles our companion animals are faced with in modern society and the impacts these may have on their welfare.
Additional Information	An introduction to companion animal behaviour which focuses mainly on dogs, specialising in the varied roles our companion animals are faced with in modern society and the impacts these may have on their welfare.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Test	Online Tests	50	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4
Portfolio	Training & Welfare evaluations	50	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings

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