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Dear Advanced Dog and Cat Students,

I hope you are all well and busy with Assignment 3!

This letter contains information on both the Pretoria and Cape Town Advanced Dog and Cat course seminars (compulsory to attend one!) as well as a few hints on the presentation you all will be doing at the seminar (Assignment 4). Please read this letter and keep in a save place for future reference.

The Dog students will be expected to attend all three days of the seminar.

The Cat students will attend the first two days of the seminar. They will be first to do their presentations on Day Two and they will withdraw to do their practical work at the Centurion (Pretoria) or Grassy Park (CT) SPCA.

The students who are enrolled for both courses will unfortunately miss a few of the case study presentations as they will be doing the practical work with Dr Hurly while their class mates are presenting their case studies.

What to expect at a seminar: The Advanced seminars are outcome based orientated. Besides giving the presentation of your individual case study (Assignment 4), you will be expected to participate in group work and discussions that at times could turn into rather heated arguments! You will also do some practical handling of dogs and cats under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Hannes Slabbert and Dr Freddie Hurly. **Dog students, please make sure to watch the DVD on Handling Techniques before attending as you will also be required to perform some of the tasks.** The dress code for the first two days is smart-casual and casual (preferably jeans and long sleeved shirts that can offer a bit of protection) on the day when the practical work will be done.

What to bring along: Your notes, a pen/pencil and an open mindset! Catering ('normal' and vegetarian) is included, but we can unfortunately not cater for students with very specific dietary requirements – like wheat intolerance, etc.

A little cash or a cheque book can come in handy because as always there will be a few articles for sale. The books by Prof Odendaal will be available at special seminar prices. Sorry – no credit cards.

NB: Dr Freddie will also be exhibiting and selling a large number of behaviour related products.

Travel and accommodations expenditures and arrangements are your own responsibility. Keep in mind that the famous Gautrain is scheduled to be in operation making it easy and convenient to get from Oliver Tambo Airport to Centurion.

**For those of you attending the Pretoria seminar** I am including a short list of guest houses close to 'Oppi Stoep' where the seminar will take place. "Oppi Stoep' also has a few rooms available. I do not have first hand experience of the different guesthouses and can not vouch for any of them, but most have websites and I would like to recommend that you have a look and decide what will be best for you. There is also a four star hotel (Forever Resorts Centurion Hotel) very close by

**For students attending the CT seminar:** I will try my best to assist students to find affordable accommodation but please contact me ASAP should you need assistance.

### **The Seminars:**

**The Pretoria seminar:** This seminar will be attended by about 28 students. To get through the programme time management is of the essence and students are asked to be punctual and to adhere to allocated times for breaks and the individual presentations.

**Date: Thursday 11 – Saturday 12 August;**

Venues: The conference room at 'Oppi Stoep' Guest house. Plot 5 (or Number 190) Basden Street, Lyttleton Manor, Centurion, Pretoria. (Directions to follow)

Preliminary program:

Day 1, Thursday 11 August: -Dog and cat students to attend: 8h00 for 8h30 – to 16h30. In the morning. Hanna will lecture on the business related aspects, of behaviour practice, consultation skills and ethical considerations. Then Dr Hurly will take over after lunch to present lectures on the alternative methods of behaviour modification and the 'master problem list'.

Day 2, Friday 12 August: Dog and Cat students to attend: 8h00 for 8h30 – 17 h00: Students will do their individual presentations. Cat students will present first then withdraw to attend the practical work with Dr Hurly at the Centurion SPCA.

Day 3; Dog students only; Mechem Lapa (directions available at the seminar) 8h00 for 8h30 – 15h00; Dr Hannes will start the day with lectures and will facilitate the practical exercises.

Directions to 'Oppi Stoep'

From Johannesburg: Travel towards Pretoria on the N1/N14. Take the Jean Ave off ramp. At the robot, turn right towards Jean Ave/Centurion. Move to the left hand side of the rd, pass through the traffic light. At the next traffic light turn left in to Rabie Street (Gas station to your left). Pass one traffic light, and at the second (Hotel in front to your left) turn left in to Basden Street. Follow Basden, pass a traffic light and a stop street, Oppi Stoep will be about 200m to your right. .

From Pretoria: travel towards Jhb on the N14 (exit Fountains). Take the Jean Ave off ramp and turn left towards Centurion. Move to the left hand side of the rd and the first traffic light turn left in to Rabie Street (Gas Station to your left). Pass one traffic light, and at the second (Hotel to your left in front) turn left in to Basden Street. Follow Basden, pass a traffic light and a stop street, Oppi Stoep will be about 200m to your right-.

From the East Rand / Oliver Thambo/ Pietersburg/Witbank and Pretoria East. Take the N1 South – that is towards Johannesburg. Take the Botha Ave off ramp. Turn right in to Botha. Follow Botha up to Cantonment Street ( about 2k's) Turn left in to Cantonment, pass 4 traffic light intersections (Unitas Hospital will be to your right) At the next (hotel to your right), turn right in to Basden Street. Follow, Basden, pass a traffic light and after about 200m Oppi Stoep will be to your right.

**Should you get lost – our telephone numbers are 012 654 3448 & 072 575 8586**

Cape Town: This seminar will be attended by about 14 students and the tempo will therefore be a little bit more relaxed. We will also start a bit later in the mornings as the Library only opens at 9h00.

Date: Thursday 25, Friday 26 and Saturday 27 August

Time: Days 1 (Thursday) & 2 (Friday): 9h00 for 9h15 – 16h30  
Day 3 (Saturday, Dog students only) 8h30 for 8h45 – 13h00

Venues: Day 1 & 2: The Hall at the Bellville Public Library. (Directions to follow)  
Day 3: Grassy Park SPCA. (Directions to follow)

Programme: See the preliminary program for the Pretoria seminar.

Directions to the Bellville Public Library:

From CT: Take the N1 and then the Willie van Schoor off-ramp. At the T-junction (robot) turn right. The name of the road will change to Durban Road (R302). Follow Durban Road up to the junction (traffic light) with Voortrekker Road and turn right. At the first robot, turn left into Boston Road (the medical centre is right in front of the library) and then immediately left again in to Carel van Aswegen Road.

From Paarl on N1: Take the Durban off-ramp and proceed as above.

NB; there is plenty of parking right in front of the library and it is very tempting to park there – but they enforce a max of 2 hours parking at a time. I will try to arrange parking for you all behind the boom, but will only be able to do so once I am there to bribe security! The other option is to park in the open space down the rd.

Directions to Grassy Park SPCA: Take the M5 towards Muizenberg. Continue up to the Grassy Park off ramp; take this off ramp and at the junction turn left. Continue (and be on the look out for the SPCA sign!) and then turn right at the next traffic light. Cross a street and then find the SPCA to your right. There is safe parking available.

I think I have covered all the important issues, but please do not hesitate to contact me should anything be unclear or should you need assistance of any kind. I will try my utmost to assist and answer questions. Should you want a

more academic input on the content of your presentation, you are also welcome to contact Hannes Slabbert directly.

Kind regards,

Hanna Odendaal

### **Hints on Assignment 4 – the presentation.**

These are just guidelines not fixed rules.

1. You can do your presentation in Afrikaans or English.
2. Start with short back ground of the case you are dealing with. You are welcome to improvise should there be missing information – like the name of the dog and the owner, etc.
3. A brief summary of the breed and perhaps a picture as well – especially if it is an unfamiliar breed – is a good idea.
4. Please follow the format of the written report and be sure to put information under the correct heading. Do not forget the prognosis and follow-up!
5. You are welcome to use power point, hand-outs, pictures etc to enhance your presentation. There will be a laptop – so just bring your presentation on a disk. However if you are using 'Vista' it is perhaps advisable to bring you own laptop as it is not compatible with the version on my laptop.
6. NB: Although the format of the report is important the emphasis will be on the resolutions given. Avoid generic resolutions and be specific and realistic in your recommendations. For instance: if you want the owner to exercise the dog, explain how often you want it done and the activities you recommend. If prescribing toys, tell which ones you want them to use – better still, show us!

**Time limit: 15 min for the presentation and 5 min for discussion and feedback by Drs. Slabbert and Hurly.**

Guest houses close to 'Oppi Stoep':

Natanja: 150 Alethea Street, Lyttelton; [www.natanja.co.za](http://www.natanja.co.za), Tel: 012 644 6601 & 012 664 4618 & 082 570 3602

Centurion Guest House and Lodge; Van Riebeeck Ave 277, Lyttelton Manor  
[www.centuriongh.co.za](http://www.centuriongh.co.za), Tel; 012 644 4685

Oppi Stoep: Plot 5 Basden Street, Lyttelton Manor, 082 468 6314, 012 664 2426, [www.oppistoep.mobi](http://www.oppistoep.mobi) , [onsin@iafrica.com](mailto:onsin@iafrica.com)