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Dear Animal Behaviour Course Student,

We hope you are well and enjoying the Basic Course (s) that you are enrolled for. This letter contains information on all three the Basic course seminars that will be presented. Please read this letter carefully and contact me should anything be unclear. Attendance of a seminar is included in your enrolment fee, but you are responsible for your own travel and accommodation arrangements. Please note that you should attend only one of the three seminars for every basic course species you are enrolled for.

If you have not yet send in your reply, keep in mind that it is easiest done via the website or use the email fax 0867163197. I am sorry to say but the Telkom line is often not working.

I will also publish this letter on [www.ethology.co.za](http://www.ethology.co.za) (click on 'student info').

Seminars will be hosted in Pretoria, Cape Town and Banana Beach on the KZN South Coast. Attending a seminar is not compulsory, but highly recommended. The lectures are aimed at clearing up possible problem areas, but also to enrich and apply the study material. The presenters will go through the notes and encourage students to ask questions and participate in discussions. **The exam will however only deal with the formal study material – so students who will not be attending a seminar need not be concerned.**

**The Presenter:** Ethology Academy is proud to announce that Dr. Freddie Hurly will be the main presenter at all the basic course seminars. Dr Hannes Slabbert, Ms Altha Botha-Viljoen and Mr Ben Minnaar will present lectures only at the Pretoria seminar. Students who already had the privilege to attend lectures presented by Dr. Hurly, will know that she is an excellent presenter, very knowledgeable and passionate about animals.

**What do you need to bring with when attending a seminar?** Please come prepared with your questions, your notes, a pen and an open, eager-to-learn mindset! Books and a DVD by the late Prof Odendaal as well as several other interesting books relevant to the course will be available, so a little cash or cheque book can come in handy. Sorry, no credit card facilities!

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

**Catering:** The catering at the seminars is provided by Ethology Academy. Catering includes early morning tea/coffee, mid-morning refreshments, a light lunch and afternoon tea/coffee. We do make provision for vegetarians, but not for specific dietary requirements or bottled water.

**Accommodation and travel expenditures** are not included in your enrolment fee. Please make your own accommodation arrangements directly with the resort or guesthouse of your choice.

**Pretoria Seminar: Friday 20 and Saturday 21 July, Dogs, Cats, horses and companion birds. This seminar will be attended by about 55 students.**

**Venue:** The N.G. Kerk, Piet Hugo Street, Wierda Park, Centurion. There is ample safe parking. (Directions to follow)

**Time:** Friday: 8h30 for 9h00 – 17h00 (All students to attend)

Saturday: Dogs: 8h30 – 12h45

Saturday: Cats: 13h15 – 17h00

Saturday: Horses: 8h30 – 12h45

Saturday: Birds: 9h00 – 13h00

**Programme:** On the first day the focus will be on Modules 1 & 2 and Dr. Hurly will present the lectures. On the Saturday students will split up in species groups giving students the opportunity to get to know Ethology Academy's regular presenters. The Dog, Cat and Horse students will remain at Wierda Park N.G. Church while the Bird students will be joining Mr. Ben Minnaar and his parrots on his small holding. Directions to Mr. Minnaar's farm will be provided. Dr

Hannes Slabbert will present the lectures on dogs, Dr. Hurly on cats and Ms Altha Viljoen on horses.

**Accommodation:** For those who would like to stay over on Thursday /Friday/Saturday night, I have included the names and contact details of a few guesthouses close by and we strongly advise students coming from distant areas to make use of it.

### **Directions to the N.G. Church, 279 Piet Hugo Street, Eldoraigne, Centurion.**

From Johannesburg and Krugersdorp: Take the N1 (becomes N14 after Brakfontein interchange) towards Pretoria. Take the Jean Ave off-ramp (also M34). At the traffic light continue left (Lyttelton Rd) towards Clubview. Follow Lyttelton road. After passing the Old Johannesburg Road (the R101) the name will change to Saxby Street. Follow Saxby up to the second robot. The road sign indicates Diepkloof (R114) to the left. Take the slip stream to the left. After about 800m turn left into Piet Hugo Street. Follow Piet Hugo. The Church is about 800 meters to your left just after you have passed Koedoe Street.

From Pretoria: Take the Ben Schoeman towards Johannesburg. Take the Jean Avenue/Lyttelton road off-ramp, and at the robot turn right into Lyttelton road (also marked M34). Follow Lyttelton road. After passing the Old Johannesburg Road (the R101) the name will change to Saxby Street. Follow Saxby up to the second robot. The road sign indicates Diepkloof (R114) to the left. Turn left. After about 800m turn left into Piet Hugo Street. Follow Piet Hugo. The Church is about 800 meters to your left. (Alternative route for students coming from Johannesburg or Krugersdorp)

From the R21, N1 North and Witbank: Travel towards Pretoria. Take the N1 (S) direction Johannesburg and then the John Vorster Avenue off-ramp (Also M19). Turn towards Centurion City (left over the highway). Take John Vorster Avenue and pass 3 robots. At the 4<sup>th</sup> (Hendrik Verwoerd Road (M25), turn left towards Wierda Park (Continue for about 2 km until the road crosses the Old Johannesburg Road (R101). Pass the Old Johannesburg Road and move to the right side of the road. At the first robot (Willem Botha Street) turn right. Continue up to the 4-way crossing and turn right into Piet Hugo. The church is about 800m to the right just after passing the small traffic circle.

Guesthouses close to the seminar venue: Please visit the websites, make your decision and arrange **directly** with the guesthouses.

Mahanya: Tel: 012 654 9935

Website: [www.mahanyabb.co.za](http://www.mahanyabb.co.za),

E-mail: [mahanya@mweb.co.za](mailto:mahanya@mweb.co.za)

Ngena: Closest to seminar venue: Tel: 012 653 0673

Website: [www.ngena.co.za](http://www.ngena.co.za),

E-mail: [info@ngena.co.za](mailto:info@ngena.co.za)

Innjoy: Tel 012 654 9998

Website: [www.innjoy.co.za](http://www.innjoy.co.za)

E-mail: [wilda@innjoy.co.za](mailto:wilda@innjoy.co.za)

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[book@innjoy.co.za](mailto:book@innjoy.co.za)

La Gratitude: Tel; 012 660 2591

Email: [info@lagra.co.za](mailto:info@lagra.co.za)

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### **Cape Town: Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 August and Thursday 23 August.**

This seminar will be attended by about 25 students and will deal with Dogs, cats and horses. Bird lectures will not be presented due to too few students enrolled for the bird course. Students enrolled for Birds are encouraged to attend Day 1 as the lectures will be on the first 2 Modules that deal with the principles of animal behaviour.

**Dr Freddie Hurly will present the all the lectures.**

**Venue:** The Auditorium, Bellville Public Library, Carel van Aswegen Street, Bellville (Directions to follow).

#### **Times & Programme:**

Tuesday: 21 August: 9h00 to 17 h00: All students to attend (Modules 1 & 2)

Wednesday: 24 August: Dogs: 9h00 – 13h00

Wednesday: 24 August: Cats: 13h00 – 17h00

Thursday: 25 August: Horses 9h00 – 13h00

The library only opens at 8h30

**Accommodation:** I apologise for not being able to offer or advice on accommodation. A good idea is to visit [www.wheretostay.co.za](http://www.wheretostay.co.za) for information on accommodation. I can perhaps recommend 'Excellent Guest house' close to the venue, within easy reach of the airport and quite affordable. ([www.excellent-questhouse.co.za](http://www.excellent-questhouse.co.za))

**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 and then immediately left again in to Carel van Aswegen Road. (The library is just behind the medical centre)

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

NB: there is parking available right in front of the library, but for only 2hours at a time and from experience I know that they do issue hefty fines!! It is best to park in the open space down the road. I will try to make alternative arrangements with the library's security but can only do so on the day.

### **Banana Beach Seminar: Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September 2012**

Banana Beach Resort is RCI affiliated and the accommodation is booked for either a weekend or a mid week. Due to this arrangement this seminar will take place on a Saturday and Sunday. Dr Hurly will present all the lectures.

**This seminar will deal with Dogs and Cats and/or horses. If the cats students are in the majority, lectures on cats will be presented and vice versa.** Students who are doing the Bird Courses, are welcome to attend and will benefit from the lectures on Modules 1 & 2.

**Venue:** The Small Conference room. Banana Beach Holiday Resort, KZN, South Coast (Approximately 107 kilometres south of Durban and 12 north of Port Shepstone) .

**Time & Programme:**

Saturday: 8h30 for 9h00 - 17 h00. All students to attend.

Sunday: Dogs: 8h30 – 12h30

Sunday: Horses/ Cats: 13h15 – 17h00

**Accommodation:** Banana Beach Holiday resort is a self-catering resort and offers accommodation in rondavels and chalets. It is right on the beach and perfect for a family breakaway. The chalets have well equipped kitchens, linen is provided, but you must please provide your own towels and dish cloths. Breakfast and meals not mentioned in the seminar programme are your own responsibility. The resort-town boasts only a pup type restaurant, a small convenience store (very basic) and a (well stocked!) bottle store. This is a popular resort and I therefore advise that you do not delay your bookings. When enquiring about accommodation please mention that you will be attending the Ethology seminar. Please note that the resort is also on the RCI/Holiday Club exchange list.

Banana Beach Holiday Resort: Tel: 039 681 3229 & 039 681 2257, Fax: 039 681 3043, E-mail: [info@bananabeach.co.za](mailto:info@bananabeach.co.za), Website: [www.bananabeach.co.za](http://www.bananabeach.co.za)

**Special Accommodation Offer: Room in the house:** I have booked a spacious four-bedroom house (3 bedrooms available), for the weekend. Ladies are welcome to 'book a room/bed' with me @ R200 per person for the weekend, regardless whether you stay one or two nights. It is payable in cash at the seminar. Should you be interested in this offer, please let me know as soon as possible, as it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is a private arrangement between the students and myself, so please contact me directly, not the resort, should you wish to stay make use of this offer.

**Directions:** Banana Beach is about 100 km south of Durban and 12 kilometres north of Port Shepstone on the R103. From Durban, take the N2 South Coast Road. Take the off-ramp to the *alternative* road (R103) just before the start of the toll road (road sign indicates Hibberdene). Continue for about 12 kilometres, pass Hibberdene and after about 6 km reduce speed otherwise you will not see the turn-off to Banana Beach as it is a bit concealed (up a hill from Durban). It will be to your left. Follow the narrow tarmac road; turn left at the only street (!) and then left again. This road ends at the beach parking area and the gates of Banana Beach Holiday Resort. Students not staying in the resort must please park outside the gate in the parking area.

**In conclusion: I hope that everything is clear. Please get in touch should you need more information.**

Best regards,

Hanna Odendaal

NS: Should anything change due to unforeseen circumstances (like a volcano erupting in Centurion or the Free State making travel impossible!) I will let you know via e-mail, sms and the website.