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Dear Animal Behaviour Course Student,

We hope you are well and enjoying the Course. This letter contains information on all four the Basic course seminars that will be presented. Please read carefully and contact me should anything be unclear. Please note that you should attend only one of the four seminars for every basic course species you have enrolled for.

Attending a seminar is not compulsory, but highly recommended. The lectures are aimed at clearing up possible problem areas, but some information will also enrich the study material. The presenters will go through all 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 four basic course seminars. People who already had the privilege to attend lectures presented by Dr. Hurly, will know that she is besides being an excellent presenter and very knowledgeable, also 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 large number of behaviour related products. I have attached the list of products. You can buy these products at the seminar, but in order to avoid disappointment it will probably be wise to order in advance directly from Dr Freddie Hurly. (fchurly@mweb.co.za)

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 30 and Saturday 31 July, Dogs, Cats, horses and companion birds. This seminar will be attended by about 65 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 attached 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: Take the N1 (Ben Schoeman towards) Pretoria. Just after passing the Shell Ultra City, take the Old Jhb/Pretoria Rd off-ramp and drive towards Pretoria. Follow this road passing 5 robot intersections (about 2km) up to the crossing with Hendrik Verwoerd Drive (also indicated as M25). Turn left at the robot, direction Wierda Park, move over to the right lane and at the first robot (Willem Botha), and turn right. Follow the road up to the 4-way crossing (800m) and turn right into Piet Hugo Street. You will also see a board indicating 'NG Kerk Wierdapark'. The church is about 500m to the right, just after passing a small traffic circle. (you can also drive up to the Jean Ave off ramp into Lyttelton Rd and follow directions as from Pretoria)

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 4th (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 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, E-mail: mahanya@mweb.co.za

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

Website: www.ngena.co.za, E-mail: info@ngena.co.za

Innjoy: Tel 012 654 9998

Website: www.innjoy.co.za E-mail: wilda@innjoy.co.za & book@innjoy.co.za

La Gratitude: Tel; 012 660 2591

Email: info@lagra.co.za & bookings@lagra.co.za

Website: www.lagra.co.za

Cape Town: Thursday 26, Friday 27 August and Saturday 28 August. This seminar 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:

Thursday:	26 August: 9h00 to 17 h00: All students to attend (Modules 1 & 2)
Friday	Dogs: 9h00 – 13h00
Friday:	Cats: 13h00 – 17h00
Saturday:	Horses 9h00 – 13h00

The library only opens at 9H00, and security is quite strict. I am usually allowed in a bit earlier to set things up – but unfortunately you will all have to wait outside until 9h00. Sorry!

Accommodation: I apologise for not being able to offer or advise on accommodation. A good idea is to visit www.wheretostay.co.za for information on accommodation.

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.

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

Port Elizabeth: Friday 10 and Saturday 11 September.

This seminar will deal with dogs and cats only.

NB: Only 3 students have so far indicated that they would like to attend this seminar. To present a seminar for only 3 students is rather problematic. So, please let me know ASAP should you wish to attend.

Time: 8h30 for 9h00 - 16h30, Friday 10 & Saturday 11 September.

Venue: Lynn's home at 11 Valley Road, Theescombe

Programme: The first day will focus on Modules 1 & 2 and the second on Modules 3 & 4 of both the dog and cat Courses.

Accommodation: Please contact Lynn (Tuscanystaffords@isat.co.za or 083 622 1959) should you need accommodation. She will best be able to advise you.

Directions to the Venue: 11 Valley Road, Theescombe.

Travel along the Kragga Kamma Road, past Kragga Kamma Vet on your left hand side. Cross the railway line, and measure 2km. (You will pass Cromwell Street, Welcome Avenue, and Pickwick Road)
Turn left into Pleasant Avenue (Misty Gardens Nursery sign board on corner).
Turn first left into Valley Road. Number 11 Valley Road Is on the left hand corner.
Telephone: 073 064 8038 / 041 379 2687 / 3169

Banana Beach Seminar: Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 October 2009

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.

This seminar will deal with Dogs and Cats. Students who are doing the Horse or Bird Courses, are welcome to attend and will benefit from the lectures on Modules 1 & 2.

Venue: The Conference room. Banana Beach Holiday Resort, KZN, South Coast (Approximately 100 kilometres south of Durban).

Time & Programme:

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

Sunday: Dogs: 8h30 – 12h30

Sunday: Cats: 13h15 – 17h00

Accommodation: Banana Beach Holiday resort is a self-catering resort and offers accommodation in well-equipped 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 two pup type restaurants, a small convenience store and a 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, Website: 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: I will also post this letter on the www.ethology.co.za – click on 'Events'. 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.