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Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for enquiring about the **Ethology Practitioners Course**. This exclusive course is intended for the behaviour practitioner, dog handlers and pet owners who want to further their knowledge on canine behaviour.

Drs. Frederique Hurly (veterinary behaviourist) and Hannes Slabbert (Veterinary ethologist) jointly present the *Practitioners course*.

Students who have successfully completed the Basic and Advanced Dog Behaviour courses are welcome to enrol for this course. Students who have completed Behaviour courses offered by other institutions must please contact Dr Hurly. Each case will be evaluated on merit to evaluate whether the student will be able to enrol for the course. A bridging course might be needed. Students need to have basic computer skills, internet access and some form of recording equipment.

Students will receive 'in depth' scientific information on specific dog behaviour problems, genetic and developmental influences on behaviour, physiology, conditioning techniques, medical conditions that can influence behaviour, pheromones and behaviour pharmacology, client handouts and business aspects. Students are encouraged to view behaviour and attempt to find successful resolutions for behavioural problems in a holistic framework and no 'generic recipes' to solve behavioural problems are introduced. Sound knowledge of the content of the Basic and Advanced Courses are required to be successful in this course.

The study material consists of a comprehensive set of notes, nine assignments, and list of terms and definitions.

It is essentially a correspondence course, but attending two five – day seminars in Benoni is compulsory for all students.

Course information:

The *Practitioners Course: Dogs* course consists of ten Modules:

- Module 1: Influences on behaviour – Genetics (Selection and breeding as well as breed specific behaviours) and Environmental influences
- Module 2: Canine stages of development, canine social behaviour and communication, canine body language. Temperament testing
- Module 3: Physiology of behaviour
- Module 4: Conditioning techniques – Puppy school, learning theories, basic training, specialised training, clicker training
- Module 5: The Behaviour Consultation – Client questionnaire, history taking skills, assessment and conclusion, resolutions
- Module 6: Specific Behaviour Problems – Fear and anxiety, compulsive behaviours, aggression, nuisance behaviours, destructive behaviour, elimination problems, geriatric behaviour
- Module 7: Medical conditions that can cause behaviour problems
- Module 8: Behaviour Modification Protocols and Client Handouts
- Module 9: Pheromones and Behaviour Pharmacology
- Module 10: Behaviour Practice Business aspects

Students will have to complete nine assignments throughout the course. These will include theoretical and practical aspects. The course has two seminars. These are scheduled in May 2017 and November 2017. These will mostly be practical hands on sessions. Attendance of the seminars is compulsory. The final examination will consist of a written component during the second seminar and the submission of case studies.

The course is presented from February 2017 to 31 March 2018. **Registration** for this course takes place from 2 January to 28 February 2017. Students may enrol earlier (in 2016) but the study material will only be posted as from the 2nd January 2017 and once proof of payment has been received.

The **course fee** for the *Practitioners Course* for 2017 is R 17 900. The fee includes the study material, assignments, attendance of the seminar and the evaluation fee. Travel to and accommodation at the seminars is not included in the course fee.

The Seminar dates are:

Seminar 1:	22 – 26 May 2017
Seminar 2:	6 – 10 November 2017
Submission portfolio:	31 March 2018
Examination:	10 November 2017

How to enrol for this course:

Go to the website www.ethology.co.za

Click on 'Enrol'

Read 'Terms of Agreement'

Complete and submit the enrolment form and financial agreement form if only the registration fee is paid when enrolling.

Pay the appropriate fee

Provide Dr Frederique Hurly admin@ethology.co.za with confirmation of payment

Do not hesitate to get in touch should you need more information.

Best regards

Dr Frederique Hurly

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