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Seminar letter

Dear Advanced Dog and Cat Students,

This letter contains information on the Advanced Dog and Cat seminars as well as a few hints on the presentation you all will be doing at the seminar (Assignment 4).

Attending the seminar is compulsive.

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 Frederique Hurly.

For 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.

What you need to bring with when attending a seminar

Please come prepared with your questions, your notes, a pen and paper and an open, eager-to-learn mind set!

Dress code

The dress code for the lecture 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. Keep in mind that it will be mid-winter – so dress warmly; a knee blanket is also a rather good idea for keeping you warm while listening to lectures.

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.

Products for sale

I usually bring some behavioural products and toys available for sale. Cash is preferable, or alternatively by electronic transfer. Please look on the website, www.behavivet.co.za for products

available. If you have something that you know you want to purchase, please let me know, then I will ensure I bring it for you. This is especially important for students attending the Cape Town seminar, as we will be flying in, so I bring a limited selection. You are welcome to email me for a price indication of a product.

Accommodation and travel expenditures

These are not included in your enrolment fee. Please make your own accommodation arrangements directly with the resort or guesthouse of your choice. I add a list of venues that I have found on the website for convenience. Please keep in mind that I have not stayed at any of these guesthouses, so do your own inquiry.

Hints on Assignment 4 – the case study 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 animal 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.

The Gauteng seminar, Benoni

This seminar will be attended by about 15 - 20 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.

Dates

3 August 2016, Wednesday: Cat students only
4 August 2016, Thursday: Dog and cat students
6 August 2016, Friday: Dog students only
7 August 2016, Saturday: Dog students only

Time

Starting time for all days: 08h00 for 08h30
Ending time: 3 August 2016: about 12h30
4 and 5 August 2016: 17h00
6 August 2016: about 12h30

Venues

3 August 2016: BehaviVet Consultancy and Natures Ark, Benoni
4 and 5 August 2016: Northfield Methodist Church, Benoni
6 August 2016: BehaviVet Consultancy and Natures Ark, Benoni

Preliminary program

3 August 2016 - Cats

Presentation of case studies by students
Discussions on cat behaviour, group participation
Practical session at Natures Ark

4 August 2016 – Cats and Dogs

Written test, counting towards the final exam mark
Demonstration of behaviour equipment
Case study – practical participation
Discussion of what is expected for the final case study

5 August 2016 - Dogs

Presentation of case studies by students

6 August 2016 - Dogs

Lectures and the clinical exam – at BehaviVet
Practical dog handling skills and exercises – at Natures Ark

Directions to Northfield Methodist Church

From Johannesburg

- Approaching Benoni on the N12 take the Tom Jones off-ramp.
- At the traffic lights, turn left into Great North Road and pass three sets of traffic lights. (Wordsworth High School will be on your left).
- Carry on up the Great North Road until the next set of traffic lights (Webb str on your right, Cloudy str on your left), Falls Shopping Centre (Spar) on your right.
- Turn right into Webb Street, carrying on until the next traffic lights. (BP Garage will be on your left, Northfield Methodist Church on your right).
- Turn right into Aerodrome Drive and the entrance to the church parking area is 100 metres down on your right.

From Witbank

- Approaching Benoni on the N12, take the Tom Jones off-ramp.
- Cross over the first set of traffic lights at the end of the off-ramp, turning right at the second set, passing under the freeway, Great North Road.
- Pass four sets of traffic lights. (Wordsworth High School will be on your left).
- Carry on up the Great North Road until the next set of traffic lights (Webb str), Falls Shopping Centre (Spar) on your right.
- Turn right into Webb Street, carrying on until the next traffic lights. (BP Garage will be on your left, Northfield Methodist Church on your right).
- Turn right into Aerodrome Drive and the entrance to the church parking area is 100 metres down on your right.

From Pretoria

- Approaching Kempton Park and Johannesburg International Airport on the R21, take the R23 / Benoni off-ramp. Coming off the R21, turn left towards Benoni (High road, R23).
- Cross 3 robots (1st to Serengeti, 2nd to Bredell/Pomona, 3rd Glen Norton Rd)
- Pass Brentwood Park Laerskool on your left, at next robot (the 4th) turn left into Great North road (on the corner is a thatch-roofed church)
- Cross 3 robots (1st Celia Nesstadt, 2nd Mercury, 3rd Oak str)
- At 4th robot turn left into Hospital Road, Medicross clinic on the right corner.
- Turn right into the first street, Aerodrome drive.
- Over a robot (Webb str), church is on your right, entrance about 100m from the robot.

Should you get lost:

Church: 010 140 0210

Frederique: 083 654 8116

Directions to BehaviVet

From Pretoria

- Take R21 south towards OR Tambo international airport.
- Past R21 one-stop petrol station, past Bapsfontein off-ramp and Serengeti golf estate.
- Take the Benoni off-ramp, at the top turn left.
- Over robot (at Serengeti estate), at next robot turn left into 3rd Avenue (BP garage on the left, small dam on opposite right).
- Continue all the way in 3rd avenue, past robot with Spar, past Caltex garage, and over another robot.
- Continue straight over 3-way stop street (Pomona feeds on the left).
- Road becomes Elm rd.
- Continue straight over 3-way robot (Glen Gory road on the right, Grasslands driving range on the right)
- From the robot measure 1.3km. As road goes up the hill and bends slightly to the left, turn into dirt road on the right. There are banners and a sign saying BehaviVet.
- Follow dirt road for about 400m, see white and green trimmed building inside electric fenced area.

From Johannesburg

- Take N12 towards Witbank, immediately follow R24 towards OR Tambo international airport.

- By the airport, follow R 21 north, towards Pretoria. Pass the airport, pass Atlas turn off.
- Take the next off-ramp, Pomona road.
- At the top of the off-ramp at the robot turn right over the highway into Pomona road.
- Continue over robot (High rd on the right, small dam on the right, BP garage on the left).
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Please do not put this address in your GPS, it takes you to the wrong place!

Should you get lost:

BehaviVet: 011 963 3535

Dr Hurly: 083 654 8116

Directions to Natures Ark

We will all travel together from BehaviVet to Natures Ark, it is about 4km's from there.

Accommodation in Benoni

For those who would like to stay over on Wednesday / Thursday /Friday 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.

Accommodation close to the Northfield Methodist Church, Benoni

Again, I have not stayed at any of these, please check it out yourself!

Name	Address	Contact number	Website
Casa Velha Guest House	19 Defient Ave Northfield	083 273 4051	www.casa-velha.co.za
Homestead Lake Cottage	13 Masefield Farrarmere	011 425 1765	www.homesteadcottage.co.za
Welcome Inn	3 Ensign Ave Airfield	011 849 6588	www.welcomeinn.co.za
Tinglewood Inn	8 Fairbairn St Rynfield	011 425 6628	www.tinglewoodinn.co.za
Vila Bela Guest House	44 11 th Avenue Northmead	084 615 7306	www.vilabelaguesthouse.co.za
Summer Garden	8 Klip St Farrarmere	011 849 5359	www.summergarden.co.za

The Cape Town seminar, Bloubergstrand

This seminar will be attended by about 10 - 15 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.

Dates

8 September 2016, Thursday: Dog and cat students

9 September 2016, Friday: Dog and cat students

10 September 2016, Saturday: Dog students only

Time

Starting time for all days: 08h00 for 08h30

Ending time: 8 September 2016: 17h00

9 September 2016: about 13h00 for cat students, 17h00 for dog students

10 September 2016: about 12h30

Venues

8 and 9 September 2016: Big Bay Surf Lifesaving Club

10 September 2016: Practical, most likely at Animal Anti Cruelty League

Preliminary program

8 September 2016 – Cats and Dogs

Written test, counting towards the final exam mark

Demonstration of behaviour equipment

Case study – practical participation

Discussion of what is expected for the final case study

9 September 2016 – Cats and Dogs

Presentation of case studies by students, Cat students go first

Cat students leave for practical session at Animal Anti Cruelty League (to be confirmed), question and answer session for cat students

Dog students continue with their case study presentations

10 September 2016 - Dogs

Lectures on aspects covered in the dog course - at Animal Anti Cruelty League (to be confirmed)

Practical dog handling skills and exercises – at Animal Anti Cruelty League (to be confirmed)

Directions to Big Bay Surf Club

Big Bay Surf Lifesaving Club, Eden on the Bay, Otto Du Plessis Drive, Big Bay, Blouberg Strand

Directions to Eden on the Bay

From Cape Town International Airport

- Take the N2 towards the city centre and then take the Milnerton/M5 exit just after the Raapenberg off-ramp
- Take the N1 in the direction of the city, stay in the left lane, and after about 2 km take the Paarden Eiland/Milnerton exit left
- Loop around and turn right at the stop street onto the R27/ Marine drive and follow the R27 past Paarden Eiland Industrial Area, Lagoon Beach, Woodbridge Island, Milnerton Golf Course, and Sunset Beach residential area. The road changes its name to West coast road

- Turn left at the traffic lights towards Bloubergstrand/Atlantic Beach into Marine Drive (also called Marine drive) and continue past Dolphin Beach Hotel on the left
- Proceed along Marine Drive, with the ocean on the left-hand side, which becomes Beach Blvd and then Otto Du Plessis Drive/M14
- Continue through the first traffic circle and at the following traffic circle, turn left onto Sir David Baird Boulevard
- Turn immediately right at the next traffic circle and Eden on the Bay will be directly in front of you
- Turn left into the parking area and drive towards the beach
- The Surf Lifesaving Club is on the beach front

GPS co-ordinates

33° 47' 34.65" S

18° 27' 28.34" E

If you get lost

Frederique: 083 654 8116

Dee: 074 406 0985

Accommodation

I have searched the internet for accommodation in the area, but there are too many guest houses and lodges to choose from. You will have to search yourself to find something that suits your needs and budget.

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 (dogs) or me (cats) directly.

Kind regards,

Frederique Hurly