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Seminar letter

Dear Horse Advanced Students,

This letter contains information on the Advanced Horse seminar as well as a few hints on the presentation you all will be doing at the seminar (Assignment 4). I am sure we are all going to enjoy the three days immensely. This seminar is usually quite small – so there will be lots of time for discussions and practical work.

Attending this Seminar is **compulsory** for all students. If you are not able to attend, you will not be able to complete the course this year.

Date

17, 18 and 19 August 2016

Time

08H00 for 08H30 – 17h00 on all days

Venue

17 August 2016: BehaviVet Consultancy, Benoni

18 and 19 August 2016: House of Champions Stable yard, Benoni

Directions below

Seminar Attendance fee

There is nothing to pay – the attendance fee is included in your enrolment fee.

Travel and Accommodation

Travel and accommodation arrangements must be made by yourself, and costs thereof are not included in your course fee.

A list of accommodation very close to both BehaviVet and HOC follows below. Please note, I have not stayed in any of these guest houses myself, so I cannot comment on what they are like. It is best to contact them and find out whether they will fulfil your needs.

Catering

Ethology Academy and HOC will provide all the meals and refreshments (tea/coffee) at scheduled breaks. But – all extras, like bottled water and snacks in between will be for your own pocket.

Dress code

The first day will be at BehaviVet, casual clothing will be more than acceptable. The last two days we will be in and around stables and horses, so comfortable, protective and 'hardy' clothing will be appropriate. Remember that Benoni can be cool in September, warm clothing worn in layers is most practical.

Program

A detailed program will be available on the first day, but here is what you can expect:

Wednesday, 16 September 2014

The day will start with lectures on communication and consultation skills.

This will be followed by the individual case study presentations by students

Further case studies, dealing with any problems the case studies still present

Theory and discussions

Thursday, 17 September 2014

Practical day at HOC. We will go through several practical aspects, the very capable personnel of HOC will assist us. Sessions will include horse identification, ageing, conformation, tack, stable yard evaluation, nutrition, lungeing.

Hopefully the farrier will pay a visit to the stable yard during one of the two practical days, as well as the dentist.

Friday, 18 September 2014

Continuation of the practical sessions at HOC in the morning.

Student evaluation in the late morning and afternoon.

Evaluation

You will be evaluated on your practical skills as well as theoretical knowledge. There will be a written test (before lunch) followed by an oral examination (after lunch). Each of these components will count 50 %. The mark obtained during the evaluation done at the seminar will constitute **30%** of your final mark. The questions in the evaluation will focus on the information in the Ethology notes and the BHS complete stable management book that you received. There will be a combination of factual questions as well as questions where application of knowledge is necessary. This may require application of knowledge and principles that were covered in the basic course. It is advised that students revise the basic course before attending the seminar. In the oral examination a student may be asked to demonstrate practical aspects covered in the course.

Assignments 1, 2, 4 and 8 will be completed during the seminar. Most of these will be evaluated as competent or not yet competent. Should a student be found to not be competent in a certain area/aspect, the student will have to repeat that particular assignment.

Working through the notes and handbook prior to the seminar is of utmost importance.

What to bring along

Your notes & handbook, a pen/pencil and an open mind set!

BehaviVet Vetshop stocks some horse products that you might be interested in.

I can get the book: Diseases of horses, mules and donkeys at a very good price. However, I need to order these in advance. If you are interested, please let me know so that I can ensure I have them available. Credit card facilities are available at the Vetshop.

Hints on Assignment 4 – the presentation.

These are just guidelines not fixed rules.

1. You can do your presentation in Afrikaans or English as long as the correct terminology is used.
2. Start with short background of the case you are dealing with. You are welcome to improvise should there be missing information – like the name of the dog 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 your own laptop as it is not always compatible with the older version on my laptop.
6. Avoid generic resolutions and be specific in your recommendations. For instance: if you want the owner to exercise the horse more, explain how often you want it done.

Time limit: 20 min for the presentation and 10 min for discussion and feedback.

Directions to BehaviVet

On the BehaviVet website is a google map to find out where we are, www.behavivet.co.za.
The physical address is: 68 Elm Road, Vlakfontein, Benoni.

During the first day I will show you how to get to the HOC stable yard. It is about 6 kms from BehaviVet, and very easy to find.

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 R23, 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 Vetshop.

Follow dirt road for about 400m, see white and green trimmed building inside electric fenced area.

From Johannesburg and OR Tambo international airport

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

Follow the R21, 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).

Pomona rd becomes 3rd avenue

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If you get lost:

BehaviVet: 011 963 3535

Fre: 083 654 8116

Please do not put this address in your GPS, it takes you to the wrong place.

Accommodation

Here is a list of accommodation options that are very close to BehaviVet. I have not stayed at any of these, so please contact them and look at their websites to ensure they fulfil your personal needs. There are two shopping centres within 6km (Oakfields shopping centre) and 8km (Northmead Square) away where you could have dinner (Spur, Wimpy, Ocean Basket, Nino's) and shop (Pick and Pay, Checkers) should you need anything. I can give you directions to these once you are here.

Name	Address	Contact Number	E-mail	Distance from BehaviVet
The Lazy Grape Guest Lodge	107 Glen Gory Rd Norton Home Estates	011 963 1422	info@lazygrape.co.za	± 4km
Glen Gory Guest House	71 Glen Gory Rd Norton Home Estates	011 963 1319 011 963 3915	ggm@glengorymanor.co.za	± 2 km
Kopanong Hotel	243 Glen Gory Rd Norton Home Estates	011 749 0066	sales@kopanong.co.za	± 2 km
Alabella Lodge	125 Benoni Rd Benoni Small Farms	082 413 7773	basteyn@telkomsa.net	± 6km
Ancient Windmill Guest House	179 Lauriston Rd Norton Home Estate	082 328 5875 087 288 9505		± 4.5km

I think I have covered all the details – but please contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Frederique