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### Seminar letter

Dear Animal Behaviour Course Student,

This letter contains information on all 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 seminar for every basic course species you are enrolled for.

Seminars will be hosted in Benoni, Gauteng and Bloubergstrand, Cape Town. Should enough students (10 or more) enrol in the Port Elizabeth area and/or in KwaZulu Natal, a seminar will be hosted there as well. This will be finalised by the end of March, once all the students have enrolled.

For catering purposes, please let me know which seminar you will be attending, and include should you require a vegetarian option. Please also let me know should you not be attending. Send email to admin@ethology.co.za.

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. Aspects that are not in the notes may be discussed, especially if students ask some interesting and challenging questions! The exam, however, will only deal with the formal study material – so students who will not be attending a seminar need not be concerned.

Dr. Frederique Hurly will be the main presenter at all the basic course seminars. Dr Hannes Slabbert will present lectures only at the Pretoria seminar. I am looking forward to meeting all of you on a more personal level.

#### **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**

There is no dress code, informal and comfortable clothing are fine. Bring warm clothing as both Benoni and Cape Town can be cold during the seminar time.

## **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, alternatively electronic transfer. Please look on the website, [www.behavivet.co.za](http://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 to ensure that it fulfils your personal requirements.

## **Benoni Seminar: Friday 22 July and Saturday 23 July 2016**

### **Dogs, cats, horses and companion birds.**

#### **Venue:**

The conference room at Northfield Methodist Church, Benoni. Directions to follow.

#### **Time:**

Friday: 8h30 for 9h00 – 17h00 - all students  
Saturday: 08h30 – 12h30 - basic dogs  
08h30 – 12h30 - basic cats  
13h00 – 17h00 - basic birds  
13h00 – 17h00 - basic horses

## **Program**

On the first day the focus will be on Modules 1 & 2 and Dr. Hurly will present the lectures. On the second day students will split up in species groups. Dr Hannes Slabbert will present the lectures on dogs and birds, Dr. Hurly on cats and horses.

## **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), 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 4 robots (1<sup>st</sup> to Serengeti, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Bredell/Pomona, 3<sup>rd</sup> Glen Norton Rd)
- Pass Brentwood Park Laerskool on your left, at next robot turn left into Great North road (on the corner is a thatch-roofed church)
- Cross 3 robots (1<sup>st</sup> Celia Nesstadt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mercury, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oak str)
- At 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Accommodation**

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	<a href="http://www.casa-velha.co.za">www.casa-velha.co.za</a>
Homestead Lake Cottage	13 Masefield Farrarmere	011 425 1765	<a href="http://www.homesteadcottage.co.za">www.homesteadcottage.co.za</a>
Welcome Inn	3 Ensign Ave Airfield	011 849 6588	<a href="http://www.welcomeinn.co.za">www.welcomeinn.co.za</a>
Tinglewood Inn	8 Fairbairn St Rynfield	011 425 6628	<a href="http://www.tinglewoodinn.co.za">www.tinglewoodinn.co.za</a>
Vila Bela Guest House	44 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Northmead	084 615 7306	<a href="http://www.vilabelaguesthouse.co.za">www.vilabelaguesthouse.co.za</a>
Summer Garden	8 Klip St Farrarmere	011 849 5359	<a href="http://www.summergarden.co.za">www.summergarden.co.za</a>

**Blouberg strand seminar: Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Dogs, cats and horses. This seminar will deal with dogs, cats and horses. Bird lectures will not be presented. 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.**

**Venue:**

Big Bay Surf Lifesaving Club. Directions to follow.

**Time:**

Monday: 8h30 for 9h00 – 17h00 - all students

Tuesday: 08h30 – 12h30 - basic dogs  
13h00 – 17h00 - basic cats

Wednesday: 08h30 – 12h30 - basic horses

**Program**

Dr Hurly will present all the lectures. On the first day the focus will be on Modules 1 & 2. On the second and third days students will split up in species groups where Module 3 and 4 will be dealt with.

**Accommodation**

We strongly advise students coming from distant areas to make use of accommodation close by. Traffic should not be too busy as it is outside the holiday season and when travelling from Cape Town direction you will be going against the flow of traffic. I have looked for guest house options in the area, but there are so many that it is impossible to decide. We have not used this venue before, and are not familiar with the area yet. Please make use of a search engine to find suitable accommodation.

## Directions

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

### **Port Elizabeth and Durban:**

**One the enrolments have been concluded (end March) we will be able to see how many students will benefit from having a seminar in one or both of these venues. At least 10 students are required before a seminar will be presented.**

**Please inform me if one of these venues would be preferable to you.**

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

Best regards,  
Frederique Hurly