

Course title	Canine Behaviour I				
Course Code	CCAN-107				
Course type	Required				
Level	Diploma				
Year / Semester	1 st Year / 2 nd Semester				
Lecturer	TBA				
ECTS	6	Periods / Week	2	Practical / Week	3
Aims of the Course	This module delves into the fascinating field of canine behavior, exploring the factors that influence a dog's behavior, communication signals, and strategies for modifying and managing behavior. Students will gain insights into the natural instincts and social dynamics of dogs, enabling them to better understand and work with canine behavior in various contexts.				
Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course, students will be able to: 1. Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of the principles of canine behavior. 2. Effectively apply positive reinforcement techniques to modify and shape desired behaviors in dogs. 3. Understand the importance of environmental enrichment and mental stimulation in promoting positive behavior and preventing behavioral issues in dogs. 4. Apply strategies for providing dogs with opportunities for physical exercise, social interaction, and cognitive stimulation.				
Prerequisites	NONE		Core Prerequisites	NONE	
Course Content	1. The principles of canine behavior, including innate behaviors, learned behaviors, and the influence of genetics and environment. 2. Canine communication signals, including body language, vocalizations, and facial expressions. 3. Normal dog behavior patterns and understand how they can vary across breeds and individual dogs. 4. The impact of socialization and early experiences on a dog's behavior and development. 5. Common behavior problems in dogs, such as aggression, separation anxiety, fear, and excessive barking, and understand strategies for prevention and management. 6. Positive reinforcement techniques to modify and shape desired behaviors in dogs.				

	7. The importance of environmental enrichment and mental stimulation in promoting positive behavior and preventing behavioral issues. 8. The ethical considerations and responsibilities of dog owners and professionals in managing and addressing canine behavior problems. 9. Effective handling and management techniques for working with dogs in various settings, such as training classes, shelters, or veterinary clinics.																																															
Course Delivery	The course is delivered through lectures, discussion, assignments, presentations, case studies.																																															
Bibliography	Abrantes, R. (1997). <i>Dog Language: An Encyclopaedia of Canine Behaviour</i>. Dogwise. Aloff, B. (2005). <i>Canine Body Language: A Photographic Guide</i>. Dogwise Handelman, B. (2008). <i>Canine Behavior: A Photo Illustrated Guide</i>. Dogwise Lowry, R. 2012. Understanding the Silent Communication of Dogs. 5. www.silentconversations.com																																															
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