

Program for Courses in Companion Animal Behavior

August 30-September 3, 2010, Helsinki, Finland

Course 1. Companion Animal Behavior and Human-animal Interactions

30-31.8. at lecture room Paatsama (Koetilantie 2)

August 30 (10-18)

- 10-11 B. Hart. Introduction to companion animal behavior and behavior therapy
11-11:45 B. Hart. Breed-specific behavior in dogs and cats: matching pets with people
11:45-12 Brief coffee break
12-13 L. Hart. Understanding and optimizing attachment to animals
13-14 Lunch break at own expense
- 14-14:30 Participant presentation 1: Phd student Therese Rehn. Investigating the bond between research dogs and a familiar person and validation of the ASSP (Ainsworth's strange situation procedure') 15 min + discussion
14:30-15:30 L. Hart. Companion animals enhancing human health and well being
15:30-16 Coffee break
16-17 L. Hart. Animal-assisted therapy: focus on the elderly
17-17:30 Participant presentation 2: PhD Katriina Tiira. Genes behind the behavior (shyness, canine compulsive behavior) 30 min + discussion
- 18 Get together party at class room

August 31 (9-17)

- 9-10:30 B. Hart. Examples of application of behavior therapy: attention-seeking behavior; aggression; fear-related behaviors
10:30-11 B. Hart. Why do pets do that? Eating grass, purring, yawning, eating stools and catnip reactions
11-11:15 Brief break
11:15-12 L. Hart. Pets in the lives of children
12-13 Lunch break
- 13-13:30 Participant presentation 3: Graduate students Katrine Elmgreen & Payana Hendriksen. Dog training: Is there a difference in negative and positive reinforcement concerning effectiveness and stress related symptoms. 20 min + discussion
13:30-14:30 L. Hart. The continuum of companion animals and assistance animals
14:30-15 Coffee break
15-16 L. Hart. Animal-assisted interventions in the human health professions
16-17 Group discussion: cases or questions submitted by participants

Course 2. Clinical Animal Behavior and Human-animal Issues in the Clinic

2-3.9. at lecture room 7 in building B (Latokartanonkaari 9)

September 2 (9-17)

9-10:30 B. Hart. Case assessment: techniques to resolve problem behavior

10:30-10:45 Brief break

10:45-11:30 B. Hart. Psychotropic medications: why, where, when and how

11:30-12 Question/answer session

12-13 Lunch break

13-14 B. Hart. Aggression in dogs towards people: treatment and prevention

14-15 B. Hart. Aggression in dogs towards other dogs: treatment and prevention

15-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:30 L. Hart. Understanding and dealing with pet loss in a veterinary practice

16:30-17:00 Group discussion of aggression cases submitted by participants

Social program: eating and digesting at restaurant Chicos Viikki

September 3 (9-15)

9-10 B. Hart. Canine separation anxiety and other fear- related problems

10-10:30 Participant presentation 4: Phd student Therese Rehn. The effect of time left alone on dog behavior. 15 min + discussion

10:30-10:45 Brief coffee break

10:45-12 B. Hart. Behavior problems in cats: elimination problems and aggression: treatment and prevention

12-13 Lunch break

13-14 L. Hart. Dealing with clients with special needs, difficult/distraught clients, and hospital staff

14-15 Group discussion: cases and problems submitted by participants