



Sveriges lantbruksuniversitet
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

SLUkurs

Syllabus

PVSo153 Animal Assisted Intervention, 3.0 credits

Syllabus approved

2017-12-04

Subjects

Animal Science

Education cycle

Third cycle

Grading scale

Pass / Failed

The requirements for attaining different grades are described in the course assessment criteria which are contained in a supplement to the course syllabus. Current information on assessment criteria shall be made available at the start of the course.

Language

English

Prior knowledge

Admitted to a postgraduate program in animal science, biology, veterinary medicine, food science, nutrition, nursing, or related subjects, or to a residency program in veterinary science

Objective, including learning outcomes

After completing the course the PhD students shall be able to:

- Explain how animals are used to help humans in Animal Assisted Interventions

(AAI)

- Present some major scientific research results on the behavioural and physiological effects

on humans when being in a programme with AAI

- Explain the effects on animals when they are used for AAI and discuss animal welfare issues

related to the use of animals in AAI

- Develop and use protocols for recording animal and human behaviour in AAI

- Use physiological measurements, such as heart rate recordings, in AAI

Content

The course will contain lectures from three international professors in the field of animal behaviour, veterinary medicine and human medicine or social science. They will attend during the whole week of the course and give start-up lectures, half a day lecture and end lecture. Some of the participants on the course will also give presentations about their research. We will also have practical work where we show how to use behavioural protocols, how to use heart rate recorders and how to collect saliva from dogs and horses. There will also be group discussions and one excursion. The PhD students are also expected to have prepared themselves before the course by

reading three scientific papers. After the course they will have to write a report that will be examined by the course leaders.

Requirements for examination

Written report after the course

Additional information

The week of lectures and practical work during 10 days are obligatory

Responsible department

Department of Animal Environment and Health