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A short course by distance learning
Animal Welfare



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Academic direction by:



Royal Veterinary College
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This truly international course aims to give a balanced overview of welfare and ethics of farm, companion, competition, wildlife and laboratory animals.

The intention of this course is to consider current practices and viewpoints on animal welfare. It will challenge your analytical thinking and judgment within today's social and agricultural context. The course does not set standards nor expound particular moral views. Instead it explores, in a balanced way, animal management practices and those animals' perceptions in a range of situations involving confinement, amputations, transport, modern genetic selection, veterinary practice, wildlife management, recreation and under extensive farming systems.

It questions your views about many practices and allows you to develop your thinking in an informed way. You will benefit from the course by being better informed, experienced in developing considered ethical opinions, understanding the needs of

animals, and being able to recognise other people's views and positions.

Flexibility to study wherever, whenever and however you like

As this course is offered by distance learning you can fit your study around your family or professional commitments. You may decide to do this course on it's own for interest or professional development. Or, as it is a module within our distance learning MSc/Postgraduate Diploma programme in Livestock Health and Production you may want to study further.

Study time

The entire course, including revision and examination, is designed to take approximately 240 hours to complete. This is only an estimate and will depend upon your previous familiarity with the subject.

Assessment

Your work for this course will be assessed by means of a three-hour unseen written examination paper which will take the form of essay questions.

In addition, you must submit at least one (and you may submit a maximum of three) Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA's). The grade awarded will be based on the mark obtained in the written examination (80%) and on the mark for the compulsory TMA (20%).

The individual unit topics are:

- Unit 1** Veterinary ethics and animal welfare
- Unit 2** Pain, disease, distress and fear
- Unit 3** Genetics and animal welfare
- Unit 4** Systems involving confinement
- Unit 5** Extensive farming systems
- Unit 6** Amputations
- Unit 7** Transport and slaughter
- Unit 8** Companion animal welfare
- Unit 9** Welfare of animals used in competition
- Unit 10** Welfare of animals of economic importance in developing countries
- Unit 11** Farm animal welfare – avians
- Unit 12** Welfare of animals in intensive farming systems
- Unit 13** Wildlife welfare
- Unit 14** Laboratory animal welfare