

Basic Behaviour course: EXAMINATION LETTER

July 2011

Dear Animal Behaviour Course Student,

It is difficult to think that it is already time to start arranging for the final exam. By starting so early I hope to ensure that everything will run smoothly and that all of you will pass with flying colours. (Be warned – the exam is not easy – you need to study to pass!)

This letter will also be published on the website www.ethology.co.za – go to “student info”

Certificates will be issued to students who have paid their enrolment fee in full, have submitted all 8 Assignments and obtained 50% for the exam.

Students will pass as Competent or Best Practice:

To pass as Competent as students must achieve 50% in the Exam.

To pass with Best Practice (distinction) a student has to achieve 75% in the exam.

Marks obtained for the Assignments are not taken in to account in the calculation of the final mark.

Dates: The exam for all the students will take place on Saturday, **5 November 2011 at 9h00**. Should you for any **valid** reason not be able to sit for the exam on this date, please let me know **immediately in writing.**

Students who have enrolled for 2 or more courses (for instance Basic Dogs and Add-on Cats) have the option to write both papers on 5 November or to write the one paper in November and the second on 21 January 2012.

Venues: For Students living in **Gauteng and Cape Town** I have booked exam venues and unless there is a very valid reason, all students living in these areas must please write at these venues. Gauteng students include students living in Johannesburg, Pretoria, East & West Rand, Hartbeespoort, etc) and Cape Town includes Stellenbosch, Paarl, Strand, etc.

The students living in the proximity of **PE** will write under supervision of **Mrs Lynn Scholtz** and the **Durban and Pietermaritzburg** students under supervision **Miss Marie Borain at venues that they will determine and also on the date and time that they will determine.** Both Mari and Lynn will need names and numbers of the students who will be writing with them well in advance, so please do not postpone getting in touch with them in this regard. They will not automatically accept that you will be writing with them.

The Gauteng students will write at the Admin Building, DENEL (Mechem), 368 Selborne Ave Lyttleton, Pretoria (see route map attached). (GPS C0-ordinates: S25 49.044 E28 11.744) Mechem is very conveniently situated close to the N1 (or N14), and easy to find. (directions to follow)

Cape Town: The Claremont Library Hall (directions to follow)

Port Elizabeth: Mrs Lynn Scholtz (Tel 073 064 8038, tuscanystaffords@mweb.co.za)

Durban: Ms. Mari Borain. (goodpet.trading@gmail.com 084 467 6050)

NB: Should it be impossible for you to write the exam at any of these venues, you need to let me know well in advance (beginning of October) so that we can make proper arrangements with a suitable invigilator in your area.

Duration:

- All students enrolled for the Basic Dog, Cat, Horse, or Bird Courses will write a two-hour long paper.

- Students who have enrolled for a Basic Add-on Courses will also write the same 2-hour paper. Students who have enrolled for two or more courses – one full and one or more add-on - will thus write a two-hour paper for each of the species.

Language: The paper for the Basic courses Dogs and Birds will be both in English and Afrikaans and students could answer the paper in either English or Afrikaans. The Horse and Cat papers will be in English only, but students are allowed to answer in Afrikaans should they wish to.

Format and content of the paper: The papers are in a fill-in format. All questions must be answered – no choices are given. The questions must be answered in the spaces provided on the paper. Students will be required to fill in missing words, write sentences and short paragraphs. Questions will vary from straight-forward (Testosterone is produced by the _____?); to applications (A 2-year old male dog is progressively becoming more aggressive. What hormone is probably to blame for this change in behaviour?). About 20% of the Basic Animal Behaviour paper will be in a table format: A sample of problem behaviour will be given and you then have to fill in the Category and Division for the Classification of the problem. You will also be asked to write a short report on a problem case. Marks for this question will mainly be for the format, and not so much for workable resolutions, however, you have to deal with the case in the report. All the questions will be based on the notes that you have received and no additional reading is required, but we do expect students to have a basic knowledge of the different breeds. You should for instance know what typically behaviour to be expected from a terrier type dog or a herding type.

You also need to fill in your ID number, full names (as on the ID) and cell phone number on the exam paper.

Supplementary exam: An exam for unsuccessful candidates and those who for a valid reason were not able to write on the 5th November will be written on 21 January 2011. Students who have failed the Nov exam and will be attempting the exam for a second time will have to pay an administration fee of R100.00 in cash on the day. This fee is not applicable for those who have made arrangements prior to the Nov exam or who are writing an add-on exam.

Results will be made available as soon as I receive them for the presenters. I will get them to you by e-mail or SMS or normal mail.

Certificates: The certificates will **only be issued towards the end of February - beginning of March 2012** when all the results are in. Your certificate will be sent to you by registered mail. If you have not received it by the end of March, please contact me for a tracking number. I will also publish the tracking numbers on the website www.ethology.co.za – go to “student info”.

The office will be closed from Friday 2 December to Monday 9 Jan 2012. I will be overseas (India!) for most of the time, so please do not try to contact me. The exam results of the students who have written on 5 November will be mailed/or e-mail or sms to all before the office closes. All exam queries will be dealt with after 9 Jan 2012.

Other dates that the Office will be closed: Due to the seminars in Cape Town and Banana Beach and the World Vet Congress that I will be attending, the office of Ethology Academy will be closed from **August 18 to Wednesday 31 August**, from **Friday 9 September - Tuesday 20 September**, and again from **Monday 9 October – Tuesday 20 October**. Should you need to contact me urgently during these periods, you can contact me on my cell number 072 575 8586.

I think I have covered all the issues, but should you still have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Good luck!

Best regards,

Hanna Odendaal

Course Administrator

Directions to Mechem:

From Johannesburg/Krugersdorp: Take the N1 towards Pretoria (N1 becomes N14 after Brakfontein interchange)

Pass the Jean Ave off ramp. The next off ramp is Wierda Park/ Sunderland Ridge. Take this off ramp. At the T junction, turn left towards Garsfontein on the M10. The rd will pass over the N1. After about 2 km you will get to a traffic light. (Sasol Garage in front to the left). At the traffic light turn left in to Selbourne Ave. Pass a small traffic circle and continue straight towards the security gates of Denel (Mechem). Pass the gates, drive for about 800m and then turn left towards Mechem. At the gates, you will be asked to sign in and the guard will direct you to the building where you will be writing.

From the R21 (Airport/East Rand), the East of Pretoria/Witbank and Pietersburg:

Drive towards Pretoria. Pass the N1 off ramp, and then take the M10 Hans Strijdom off ramp. At the T junction on the bridge, turn left in to Hans Strydom Drive (M10 – direction Lyttelton) Continue in Hans Strydom for about 2-4 km. Turn right in to Selbourne Ave (there will be a Sasol Garage to the right). Pass a small traffic circle and continue straight - the security gates of Denel (Mechem) will be in front of you. Pass through the gates, drive for about 800m and then turn left towards Mechem. At the gate you will be asked to sign in and the guard will direct you to the building where you will be writing.

From central Pretoria: take the N14/N1 towards Johannesburg (that is through Fountains or past Correctional Services). From the N14/N1 take the first off ramp (Trichardt Rd off ramp (M24), to the left. Drive for about 1km. At the small traffic circle turn left into Selborne Ave, straight ahead will be the security gates of Denel (Mechem). Pass through the gates, drive for about 800m and then turn left towards Mechem. At the gate, you will be asked to sign in and the guard will direct you to the building where you will be writing.

Directions to the Claremont Library: Library Square, Wilderness Rd, Claremont, Tel; 021 671 6993

From outlying areas: Take the N2 to CT, Turn Left on to Liesbeeck Parkway (M57) – not Raapenberg rd – M52! Keep straight on Liesbeeck until you drive past railway line and Claremont Train station and get to a 3 way intersection on a bridge, Turn right in to Stanhope Rd at this intersection. At the first traffic light turn left in to Main rd (M4). At the next set of lights (BP on right) turn left in to Wilderness Rd and then left in to the library parking area.

From the Northern suburbs: Take N1 south. At Maitland/Paarden Island turn onto M5 South – that is towards Muizenberg. Turn on to N2 west – towards CT – at Pinelands. From N2 follow directions as above.

From Southern Suburbs: get on to Main rd direction CT. In Claremont, turn right at the traffic lights (BP on left) in to Wilderness Rd, then left in to library parking.