

CityU Centre of Animal Welfare presents Animal Behaviour and Welfare Series:

Workshop 1: Do the animals under your care behave normally?

Date: 6 November 2018, Tuesday
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Light dinner will be provided)
Venue: Lecture Theatre (UT), CityU School of Continuing and Professional Education, United Centre, 8/F, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong
Fee: HKD100
CPD: 2 CPD points from the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong

Understanding whether the animals we are caring for, handling and training are showing normal or abnormal behaviours is crucial. However, what are the types of abnormal behaviour that animals kept in captivity may perform? Some examples are aggression among members of an artificially created wolf pack, stereotypic behaviour in bears, hyperactivity in working dogs and refusal to load into a truck in horses. Why do animals 'misbehave'? During the seminar the most common abnormal behaviours in dogs, horses, laboratory and zoo animals will be described and their causes and consequences will be also discussed.

Workshop 2: How to prevent or treat unwanted behaviours and their consequences

Date: 7 November 2018, Wednesday
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Light dinner will be provided)
Venue: Lecture Theatre (UT), CityU School of Continuing and Professional Education, United Centre, 8/F, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong
Fee: HKD100
CPD: 2 CPD points from the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong

How to prevent and treat behavioural problems that arise in captive wild animals, working dogs and horses will be discussed. Since miscommunication and inappropriate training can lead to the development of unwanted behaviour, appropriate training techniques based on animal learning theory will be explained and discussed. While treatments include management, behaviour modification, and the use of psychopharmacological agents, this presentation will focus on how trainers and veterinary behaviourists can work together for the benefit of the animals.

Seminar: Behavioural medicine: how to diagnose and treat behavioural problems in pets

Date: 8 November 2018, Thursday
Time: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm (Light dinner will be provided from 7:00 pm)
Venue: Y4302, Yellow zone, 4/F, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building, City University of Hong Kong, Kowloon Tong
Fee: Veterinarians: HKD300
VA/Technicians/Students: HKD150
CPD: 2 CPD points from the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong

Dogs and cats may present with behavioural problems that can be as life threatening to them as any disease. In some cases the threat is to the general public or to the owner in the case of canine aggression. In other cases the threat is to the belongings of the owner in the case of separation anxiety in dogs or periurea (house soiling) in cats. The treatment plan includes management, behavior modification, and, often, the use of psychoactive medications.

Speakers

Katherine Albro Houpt VMD PhD is Professor Emeritus at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine and is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. She received her veterinary degree and her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. Her research has concentrated on clinical animal behavior and welfare. She has published over 100 papers as well as a textbook, Domestic Animal Behavior, now in its fifth edition. She directed the Animal Behavior Clinic at Cornell University's Hospital for Animals and has trained both residents and graduate students. She shares her home with Yuki, the West Highland White Terrier, Hadley the Ragdoll cat, Chessa, the Arabian mare, and Gus, the Swedish Gotland pony.



Barbara Padalino VMD PhD is Assistant Professor at Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences, City University of Hong Kong. She received her veterinary degree from The University of Bari (Italy) and her PhD from the University of Sydney (Australia). Her research spans a number of topics from large animal behaviour and welfare to equine internal and sports medicine. She is passionate about research on animal learning and appropriate handling and training, believing that correct communication between humans and animals is crucial to prevent unwanted behaviour and to safeguard animal welfare. She has published over 60 papers as well as a textbook on equine training. Horses have characterised all her life, and she has been a rider, a driver, a Standardbred horse breeder, an equine vet.

