

Department	Small Animal Clinical Sciences
Name of Course	Shelter Medicine
University Course Number	VEM 5322
Catalog Description	Students will learn the basics of infection control, preventive medicine, and vaccination strategies unique to the shelter environment. In addition they gain insight into animal abuse and neglect issues and the value of educating the public on spay/neuter procedures.
	Course Coordinator - Dr. N. Isaza
	Grading System - Letter grade
Semester Credit Hours	1 credit
Instructional Units; Lectures	16
Instructional Units; Discuss	0
Instructional Units; Labs	0
Midterm, Final Exams	1
Total Contact Hours	17

Course Outline

IU No.	Date & Time	Instructional Topic	Instruction Format
1	Monday 10/6/08 8:30-9:20 am	Overview of Animal Sheltering	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. N. Isaza
2	Monday 10/6/08 9:30-10:20 am	Cleaning and Disinfection	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. N. Isaza
3	Wednesday 10/8/08 8:30-9:20 am	Vaccination, Preventive Medicine, and Rabies	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. N. Isaza
4	Wednesday 10/8/08 9:30-10:20 am	Infectious Dermatologic Diseases	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. R. Marsella
5	Thursday 10/9/08 8:30-9:20 am	Animal Cruelty and Abuse	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. L. Miller
6	Thursday 10/9/08 9:30-10:20 am	Veterinarian's Role in a Shelter	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. L. Miller
7	Friday 10/10/08 8:30-9:20 am	High Quality High Volume Spay/Neuter	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. P. Bushby
8	Friday 10/10/08 9:30-10:20 am	Pediatric Spay/Neuter	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. P. Bushby
9	Monday 10/13/08 10:30-11:20 am	Dog Fighting	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. N. Isaza, L. Santerfit
10	Monday 10/13/08 11:30-12:20 pm	Infectious Gastrointestinal Diseases	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. N. Isaza
11	Tuesday 10/14/08 10:30-11:20 am	Canine Respiratory Diseases	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. C. Crawford
12	Tuesday 10/14/08 11:30-12:20 pm	Shelter's Role in Disaster Response	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. C. Crawford
13	Wednesday 10/15/08 10:30-11:20 am	Infectious Feline Respiratory Diseases	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. J. Levy
14	Wednesday 10/15/08 11:30-12:20 pm	Animal Identification and Microchipping	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. J. Levy
15	Thursday 10/16/08 10:30-11:20 am	Feral Cats and Trap-Neuter- Return	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. J. Levy
16	Thursday 10/16/08 11:30-12:20 pm	Managing Stress in Shelters	Lecture Equine Auditorium Dr. T. Curtis
17	Friday 10/17/08 10:30-12:20 pm	Final Examination	Exam Equine Auditorium Dr. J. Levy

Course Objectives

This course will introduce the student to several basic health and welfare concepts in the sheltering of dogs and cats. The concepts include the impact of disease outbreaks, disease detection and control, preventive strategies to minimize disease, behavior problems and reduction of stress factors contributing to behavior problems, animal cruelty and neglect, and the role of veterinarians in protecting the health and welfare of animals in shelters. This course is not intended to provide comprehensive and in-depth material on each subject, but rather to teach the student that there are many facets to Shelter Medicine.