

Residency Training Programme in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine – Residency ECAWBM (BM)

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Ghent University offers a position for a residency for 3 years of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (ECAWBM) sub-specialty Behavioural Medicine.

Start: April 4, 2022

The Veterinary Behavioural Medicine Residency at Ghent University is a three-year programme that is designed to provide advanced training in Behavioural Medicine to satisfy European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (ECAWBM) residency requirements. The training is carried out under the supervision of prof. dr. Anouck Haverbeke, EBVS® European Veterinary Specialist in Behavioural Medicine.

The training is offered and takes place at Ghent University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Morphology, Imaging, Orthopedics, Rehabilitation and Nutrition (Salisburylaan 133, 9820 Merelbeke, Belgium).

During the residency, the emphasis will be put on the multi-disciplinary approach thanks to a close collaboration with Dr Kathelijne Peremans (EBVS® European Veterinary Specialist in Medical Imaging (ECVDI)), Prof Dr Myriam Hesta (EBVS® European Veterinary Specialist in Animal Nutrition (ECVCN)) and other specialists of the Department.

The resident will assist behavioural consultations at UGent led by the supervisor, before handling consultations by himself. The training program will include multiple externships (UK, Scotland, France) allowing the resident to gain experience with highly experienced specialists in the field of veterinary behavioural medicine.

This SRTP will focus on two research projects during his residency:

(1) the effect of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) on neuronal functions in canine anxiety. The results of neuronal functions and dopamine concentrations will be analysed before and after treatment with TMS.

(2) potential plasma biomarkers of canine anxiety. After having conducted a literature review of the different canine anxiety biomarkers, the most promising biomarkers will be tested on dogs participating at the TMS study.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, dynamic and driven veterinarian with a passion for behavioural medicine. Only veterinarians graduated from an EAEVE-approved veterinary school and are licensed or eligible to practice veterinary medicine in Belgium can be accepted for the programme. Applicants should:

- have successfully completed a one-year internship or have spent at least 2 years in practice gaining clinical experience (companion animals)
- have excellent communications and interpersonal skills
- have a good level and knowledge of Dutch and English (preferably also French), both oral and written in order to effectively communicate with students, patients and referring veterinarians
- have a demonstrated ability to work with others in a team and should be stress resistant

Appointments will be made for 12 months, with annual renewal based on satisfactory completion of the previous year.

Interested?

Please email your curriculum vitae (including your publications) and motivational letter (preferably with recommendation letter) to Mrs Sofie Moreels at sofie.moreels@ugent.be The closing date for submitting the application is March 17, 2022. The faculty will review the applications and virtual interviews, if needed, will be organized in the week of March 21, 2022. The final decision will be taken before April 1, 2022.

Additional information on the programme and the residency can be found on <https://www.orsami.be/en/news/vacancy-resident-veterinary-behavioural-medicine>

Should you have any further questions, please contact prof. dr. Anouck Haverbeke at Anouck.Haverbeke@ugent.be