

Cooperation guidelines VETS UNITED – Animal Welfare Education

In many countries animals suffer due to lack of animal welfare knowledge and awareness. In order to support people who want to make a positive and lasting impact on animal welfare in their country by conducting Animal Welfare education for vets, paravets and students, we offer our VETS UNITED Animal Welfare course material online for free.

<http://en.welttierschutz.org/vets-united/course/>

The VETS UNITED Animal Welfare course material consists of lectures, instruction for practical exercises and training videos covering many animal welfare topics. It includes animal welfare during practical work with animals like humane handling, preventing, diagnosing and treating diseases, pain and injuries, surgical training and humane euthanasia. Besides this, the material covers the role of animal health professionals as animal welfare representatives for example through advising animal keepers, overseeing animal transport and slaughter as well as reinforcing animal welfare legislation.

In addition to the material itself we offer support for people who want to implement Animal Welfare education using the VETS UNITED material. To apply for funding to implement the VETS UNITED Animal Welfare training in vocational and/or continuous professional education please read the following instruction carefully.

Animal Welfare training in vocational education (for College/University students)

1. Aim and Subject of the cooperation

The aim of the training should be to improve animal welfare awareness, knowledge and skills of students in animal health related study programs by integrating Animal Welfare into the vocational education (Colleges, universities) using the VETS UNITED Animal Welfare course material.

2. Eligible Applicants

Eligible for application are all educational institutions (Colleges and universities, with focus on emerging and developing countries) which offer Animal Health/Veterinary education and would like to integrate Animal Welfare into the curriculum. The training must be carried out based on the VETS UNITED animal welfare course material and include theory and practical training (in collaboration with a local NGO or clinic).

3. Nature of the cooperation

The nature of the cooperation will be decided individually for each application.

4. Application procedure

Applications can be made at any time. For the application please use the standard application form. Please note that your application should not exceed 6 pages. An application does not create a legal entitlement for cooperation. We will get in contact with potential candidates and arrange an appointment for an interview.

Animal Welfare training in Professional Continuous Development (for Vets and Paravets)

1. Aim and Subject of the cooperation

The aim of the training should be to improve animal welfare awareness, knowledge and skills of animal health professionals by offering animal welfare related CPD training based on the VETS UNITED Animal Welfare course material.

2. Eligible Applicants

Eligible for application are all institutions (with focus on emerging and developing countries) which conduct CDP training for animal health professionals. To ensure the sustainability of the training the aim should be to integrate Animal Welfare (theory and practice) CPDs into an official CPD programme. This means the training must be in cooperation with the institution (e.g. Veterinary Council, Ministry of Agriculture) which certifies CPD programmes.

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