



Course Descriptor
VTMD525 Animal Welfare & Ethics

Proposed Academic Year	2021 – 22	Last Reviewed Academic Year	
Course Code	VTMD525	Course Title	Animal Welfare & Ethics
Credit hours	2	Level of study	Undergraduate
College / Centre	CAHS	Department	VTMD
Co-requisites		Pre-requisites	VTMD515

1. COURSE OUTLINE

This is an interdisciplinary course that gives background to the welfare of animals and medical ethics. The course will familiarize the students with updated medical laws, regulations in relation to veterinary ethics. The course will also provide an introduction to laboratory animal welfare for those who intend to work in research involving animals.

2. AIMS

The aim of this course is to offer a unique, thought-provoking, logical, and sensible approach to the whole question of ethics in veterinary medicine and animal health care. The course will also provide a rich resource for all students during their study and following graduation and practicing veterinarians, veterinary educators, and for veterinary administrators and all of whom should aim to render animal care and to apply appropriate ethical concepts in the process of providing such care.

3. LEARNING OUTCOMES, TEACHING, LEARNING and ASSESSMENT METHODS

Learning Outcomes (Definitive)	Teaching and Learning methods (Indicative)	Assessment (Indicative)
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:		
1. Demonstrate a sound understanding of the theoretical base and a philosophical approach for critical analysis of ethical problems	Power point presentations, group medical case discussion and presentation	Assignment, oral and written examinations
2. Develop wise strategies for addressing ethical problems	Power point presentations, group medical case discussion and presentation	Assignment, oral and written examinations
3. Apply appropriate ethical concepts in the process of providing such care	Power point presentations, group medical case discussion and presentation	Assignment, oral and written examinations

4. ASSESSMENT WEIGHTING

Assessment	Percentage of final mark (%)
Assignment	20%
Quizzes	20%



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Mid-term Examination	20%
Final Examination	40%
TOTAL	100%

5. ACHIEVING A PASS

Students will achieve **2** credit hours for this course by passing **ALL** of the course assessments [*alternatively, list the compulsory pass assessments**] and achieving a **minimum overall score of 50%**

NB *Ensure that ALL learning outcomes are taken into account

6. COURSE CONTENT (Indicative)

- Experimentation on Animals
- Intensive Farming Industry
- Immorality of the Treatment of Animals by Humans
- History of Challenges to Speciesism
- Science of Animal Behavior and Welfare
- Practical Ethics in Achievement of Direct Reform
- Politics of Animal Protection
- Legislative Enactment for Animal Protection

TOTAL HOURS	30
Plus RECOMMENDED INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS	15
TOTAL COURSE HOURS	45

7. RECOMMENDED REFERENCES

Core text/s:

Bernard E. Rollin: An Introduction to Veterinary Medical Ethics: Theory And Cases, Second Edition 2nd Edition

Library + online resources:

Open Educational Resources: