VETS30005 Dogs, Cats & Miscellaneous Pets 1

Credit Points:	6.25
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville  This subject commences in the following study period/s:  Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 58 lecture hours. Total Time Commitment: Estimated total time commitment 110 hours (minimum).
Prerequisites:	Nil
Corequisites:	Nil
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Nil
Non Allowed Subjects:	Nil
Core Participation Requirements:	Prospective students are advised to familiarise themselves with the Faculty's Academic Requirements Statementhttp://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/docs/AcademicRequirements.pdfand information about Students Experiencing Disability http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/docs/Disability.pdf
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Subject Overview:	Diseases and preventive medicine of small animals and miscellaneous pets: infectious diseases; clinical signs, treatment, management and immunisation strategies, public health aspects, critical care of the medical case. Diagnosis and medical and surgical management of diseases of the nervous system, eye and ear, endocrine system, musculoskeletal system and behavioural conditions.
Objectives:	Students completing Dogs, Cats and Miscellaneous Pets 1 (and 2) should:
	# be familiar with breed and behavioural characteristics of small companion animals;
	# possess the essential information on diseases of small animals on which to approach a diagnosis based on epidemiology and clinical signs in an individual animal or group of animals;
	# be able to interpret and utilise the results of laboratory tests in making a diagnosis;
	# be able to devise appropriate forms of therapy or management;
	# be able to devise strategies for prevention and control of disease in small animals; be aware of the public health implications of zoonoses of pet animals;  # be aware of disease prevention for laboratory animals and animal welfare issues in research and the community.
Assessment:	One 3-hour written paper at the end of semester (80%). One written assessment comprising 30-40 short answer or multiple choice questions during the semester (20%).
Prescribed Texts:	Nil
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	At the end of the sequence Dogs, Cats and Miscellaneous Pets 1 and Dogs, Cats and Miscellaneous Pets 2 students should have developed:

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	# cognitive, analytic and problem solving skills, involving independent thought, rational enquiry and self-directed learning;
	# professional and technical skills; and
	# respect for intellectual integrity and professional ethics.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Veterinary Science(PV)

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