

28427 - Deontology, Legal Veterinary Science and Bioethics

Syllabus Information

Academic year: 2023/24

Subject: 28427 - Deontology, Legal Veterinary Science and Bioethics

Faculty / School: 105 - Facultad de Veterinaria

Degree: 451 - Degree in Veterinary Science

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 3

Semester: Second semester

Subject type: Compulsory

Module:

1. General information

The general objective of the subject of Deontology, Veterinary Law and Bioethics within the Veterinary Degree is that the student learns the ethical principles of the profession, the legislation on which the activities of the veterinarian are based in any of their professional fields, the requirements for their practice, and some concepts of forensic veterinary medicine.

The objectives and contents of the subject are in line with and include the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations Agenda 2030 (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/es/>), so that the learning of the subject provides training and competence to contribute to the correct practice of the veterinary profession.

2. Learning results

1. To know the bases and ethical principles of the veterinary profession.
2. To know the legislating bodies and the legal and regulatory standards of veterinary interest.
3. To know the administrative, legal and professional requirements for the practice of the profession.
4. To know the different types of responsibilities and sanctions that the veterinarian may have in their professional practice.
5. To understand the basics of forensic and legal medicine, veterinary expertise and commercial veterinary medicine.
6. To understand the practical activities and be able to analyse a veterinary legal problem.
7. To integrate the concepts of the subject in the resolution of practical cases.
8. To be able to do and present correctly a written work that relates the different aspects covered in the subject.

3. Syllabus

I. Public administrations and veterinary organization

Organization in the European Union and the State. Legislative Structure. Professional organization. Requirements for the practice of the profession. Professional contingencies.

II. Deontology

Deontology, Ethics and Bioethics. Codes of ethics. Euthanasia. Criminal, civil, disciplinary and administrative liability.

III. Legal and Forensic Veterinary

Judiciary and judicial process. Appraisals. Forensic Thanatology and Traumatology. Medicolegal necropsy.

IV. Legal Commercial Veterinary

Trade with animals. Vices. Agricultural insurance. Animal traceability. Doping.

V. Veterinary Legislation

Legislation on Animal Health, Medicines, Animal Welfare, Animal Shows, Pets, Genetically Modified Organisms, and Organic Production.

4. Academic activities

1. Theoretical classes (35 h). The teacher will present theoretical contents encouraging active participation.
2. Laboratory practices (16 h). Forensic Veterinary practice and search of relevant information of the subject.
3. Case studies in the classroom (9 h). Resolution of deontological, expert and legal cases. Review of official documentation.

Likewise, the student's autonomous and continuous work is encouraged, as well as the integration of the different topics covered in the subject, through the completion of a portfolio based on the practical activities.

Audiovisual presentations and other relevant information will be provided through Moodle.

5. Assessment system

3- In order to pass the subject it will be necessary to pass 50% of the maximum grade, between the global test and the written work, after applying the indicated percentages.

1 - Overall written evaluation of theoretical and practical classes to assess learning results 1 to 6. This test will consist of conceptual multiple-choice questions (60-90%) and open-ended short answer questions (10-40%). It will account for 90% of the student's final grade in the subject

2- Continuous assessment of learning results 7 and 8 through written work (portfolio): extended reports of the practical activities, and of the deontological, legal and expert cases dealt with in the subject. It will account for 10% of the final grade.

Assessment criteria and levels of demand: The evaluation will be 100% objective, according to the grades obtained between the written tests corresponding to the theoretical and practical teaching.

T/F type questions subtract their value when they are wrong. When there are several answers and there is only one possible answer, the probabilistic value of being correct at random will be subtracted. Short answer questions do not deduct points from the total if answered incorrectly or not at all.