



## Distance Education

# Behavioural Medicine

341 CPD Points

### Gain exposure to the latest updates in behavioural medicine.

This course aims to present an overview of, and assist you in improving your approach to, the diagnosis and management of behavioural cases.

It will provide you with the opportunity to extend your skills and knowledge in a range of topics about animal behaviour and behavioural medicine so you will better understand learning theory, the relationship between behaviour and organic disease, psychotropic medications and how to manage anxiety, aggression and other common behavioural problems.

#### Past Participant

*Overall, I found that this was a really great course. The structure of the course requires a large amount of self-directed research, which initially is rather overwhelming and at times frustrating. However, having completed the course and now studying for Memberships, this self-directed research is vital to help keep this information fresh and topical. I feel really enriched and more satisfied by my learning by having had to find by own answers, and not having them spoon-fed to me.*

Isabelle Resch, ACT

### Course dates

1 February – 30 November 2019  
10 Modules | Delivered online

### Workshop

2-Day workshop + 1-Day workshop  
Dates TBC

### Tutors

Kersti Seksel  
BVSc (Hons) MRCVS MA (Hons)  
FANZCVS DACVB DECAWBM

Jacqui Ley  
BVSc (Hons) FANZCVS (Animal  
Behaviour) CMAVA PhD

Debbie Calnon  
BSc BVMS MANZCVS CertIVTAA  
DipVET-P DipTAA CertIVTC GCertCCJ



Super Early Bird: expires 30 June 2018  
Early Bird: expires 31 October 2018

# About the course

## Learning outcomes

By successfully completing this course, you will:

- ✗ Significantly improve your ability to help your clients better understand their pet's behaviour
- ✗ Further your understanding of the basics of behaviour and the intimate relationship between behaviour and organic disease
- ✗ Develop your skills in differentiating behaviour problems from problem behaviours to maximise treatment success
- ✗ Learn how to more accurately diagnose behavioural problems in most domestic species
- ✗ Improve your knowledge of psychotropic medication used to treat behavioural problems, including when to use medication, which medication to use and why
- ✗ Interact with other veterinarians who have similar interests in behavioural medicine

## Modules

1. **Domestication and Genetics** – understand what processes are involved in the behaviour of animals
2. **Learning Theory 1** – appreciate the science behind how animals learn
3. **Learning Theory 2** – apply the science every day in your interactions with animals
4. **Neurology** – discover more about the brain and behaviour and what makes animals tick
5. **Psychotropic Medication 1** – learn about the common medications that help animals with mental health issues
6. **Psychotropic Medication 2** – find out more about how medication can help your patients
7. **Behavioural History** – become more comfortable with diagnosing and implementing a treatment program for your patients
8. **Anxiety Disorders** – learn why they are so debilitating and affect the life expectancy of your patients
9. **Aggression Issues** – gain knowledge to safely and appropriately manage patients showing aggressive behaviours
10. **Other common problems** – increase your ability to deal with an assortment of behaviours that bother owners

## Workshops

Round off the course and see real cases that will help you put into practice the knowledge you have gained.

## Pay as you learn

Choosing your DE course is a big commitment, so there's no need to add further stress by paying your course up front. To pay as you learn, you will need a \$1,000 deposit to secure your place, followed by 50% of the total course fee 10 days prior to course commencement date. We'll arrange simple monthly direct debits from your credit card over 3 or 6 months.

**Note:** Payment Plan will incur an additional \$250 administration fee, and Early Bird rates do not apply if you choose the payment plan option.

- ▶ Gain exposure to the latest updates in behavioural medicine.
- ▶ Pursue your passion and develop your career by immersing yourself in an in-depth learning program that will challenge and change your practice.
- ▶ Learning is more than just accessing information. Develop your understanding, skills and abilities by combining the latest evidence based information with individual feedback and mentoring from your tutor, a leading veterinary expert.
- ▶ Flexibility - online access to your course materials means that you can study anywhere and at any time.
- ▶ Expand your practice's capacity to service clients at a higher level.

## Tutors



### Kersti Seksel

BVSc (Hons) MRCVS MA (Hons)  
FANZCVS DACVB DECAWBM

Kersti Seksel graduated in Veterinary Science from the University of Sydney, then from Macquarie

University with a BA in Behavioural Sciences majoring in psychology. She has an MA(Hons) degree and is a registered veterinary specialist in Animal Behaviour, a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Animal Behaviour, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, and a Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine. She

is an adjunct senior lecturer at Charles Sturt University and a honorary associate at the University of Sydney. Kersti is the principal of a specialist practice for animal behaviour in Sydney and see cases around Australia. She is chair of the NSW Animal Welfare Advisory Council, a Board member of Delta Society and a member of the Special Council of the Pet Professional Guild Australia. She has presented at multiple conferences and meetings nationally and internationally and has published widely. She is a regular presenter on ABC radio in Australia on pet care and behaviour, writes for Dog's Life and is also a consultant to VIN. Kersti is the author and tutor for the CVE DE course in Behavioural Medicine Feline Chapter.



## Jacqui Ley

BVSc (Hons) FANZCVS (Animal Behaviour) CMAVA PhD

Jacqui Ley is a registered specialist in Behavioural Medicine. She graduated from Melbourne

University Veterinary School in 1995. A long time interest in animals, animal behaviour and training led her to undertake a Membership to the ACVSc in Veterinary Behaviour in 2000. Looking to understand more about behaviour, she left small animal practice for the world of research and investigated tests for measuring fear in dogs. Jacqui has completed a PhD at Monash University developing a model and questionnaire for describing canine personality.



## Debbie Calnon

BSc BVMS MANZCVS CertIVTAA  
DipVET-P DipTAA CertIVTC  
GCertCCJ

Debbie obtained her veterinary degree from Murdoch University

in 1985 and became a Member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in Animal Behaviour in 1997. She was a founding member of the Australian Veterinary Behaviour Interest Group and has held several committee positions including President.

Debbie developed an interest in grief and loss issues as they relate to veterinary behaviour practice. She completed the Bereavement Counselling Methods Course with the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement in 2008 and obtained a Certificate IV in Telephone Counselling in 2011. She sees cases and provides educational opportunities via her Behaviour Counselling Service. She is also a Consultant on the US based Veterinary Information Network (VIN). Debbie is passionate about promoting the importance of behavioural medicine within the veterinary profession and the role education plays in fostering the human-animal bond.

## Register online

[cve.edu.au/de/behavioural-medicine](http://cve.edu.au/de/behavioural-medicine)

Alternatively, complete the registration form ↓

## Or, send us your registration by

**Fax:** +61 2 9351 7968  
**Post:** Centre for Veterinary Education  
Veterinary Science Conference Centre  
Level 2, B22 Regimental Drive  
The University of Sydney NSW 2006

## Personal details

I am a CVE Member:  Yes  No

Category:.....

First Name:.....

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## Course fees

### Super early bird – expires 30 June 2018

- Member\* \$5,795  
 Non-member / eMember \$6,100

### Early bird – expires 31 October 2018

- Member\* \$6,080  
 Non-member / eMember \$6,400

### Full course rate

- Member\* \$6,270  
 Non-member / eMember \$6,600

Member\* includes: Practice, Professional, Part-time, Recent Graduate and Academic members.

## Payment

Credit card:  Visa  Mastercard  AMEX

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**Please note:** All course fees will be charged in Australian dollars AND you must be a qualified veterinarian to enrol in this courses. Allied professionals with extensive industry experience may apply to enrol by contacting the CVE directly. Enrolment will be at the tutor's discretion.