



PhD course

Fundamentals of Animal Emotion

March 6th to 8th 2023 @ Wageningen University & Research, the Netherlands

Description

In this 3-day course you will learn about the key concepts of animal emotion, you will be introduced to different categories of measurements to assess animal emotion (behavioural, cognitive and physiological), with a special focus on play and vocalisations, and finally you will learn about validation of measurements and about the role that emotion plays in lifelong animal welfare.

Lectures and lecturers

Lecture topic	Lecturer
Concepts of animal emotion	Prof Mike Mendl (UK)
Validation of indicators of animal emotion	Prof Georgia Mason (Canada)
Physiology and animal emotion	Dr Louise Kremer or Dr Laura E Webb (Netherlands)
Cognition and animal emotion	
Brain lateralisation	Dr Lisette Leliveld (Italy)
Vocalisations as indicator of animal emotion	Dr Elodie F Mandel-Briefer (Denmark)
Play and animal emotion	Dr Jamie Ahloy Dallaire (Canada)
Facial expression and animal emotion	Prof Bridget M Waller (UK)
Animal emotion and welfare	Dr Laura E Webb (Netherlands)

Learning goals

Following this course you will be able to:

1. Explain and use the terminologies and concepts used in the field of animal emotion;
2. Understand the difficulties linked to the validation of indicators of animal emotion;
3. Explain (and possibly apply) the main behavioural, physiological and cognitive methods used to assess animal emotion;
4. Understand the role that emotion plays in lifelong animal welfare.

Course credits

Credit points: 1 ECTS

A certificate of attendance will be send to you after the course, upon request.

Practical information

Registration

Registration is open between 11th November 12:00 noon and 1st December 23:45. The link to the registration is below. Alternatively you can use the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/r/PLE5K9zbmp>



Costs of the course

The costs for this course are:

PhD students	350 EUR
Postdocs	500 EUR
Staff	800 EUR

We have 30 places for this course. PhD students are given priority for this course on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you are not a PhD student but still choose to register, you will be placed on a waiting list.

Location

The course will take place on the campus of Wageningen University & Research, in Wageningen, the Netherlands. The building used is called Impulse, and is located in the middle-West of the campus. For more information about Impulse follow the link below.

<https://www.wur.nl/en/show/impulse-building-number-115.htm>

Travel to location

You may find information of travelling to the campus using the link below.

https://www.wageningencampus.nl/nl/campus/contact.htm#Public_Transport-anchor

Hotels

You are responsible for booking and paying for your own hotel, should you be coming from far away. Wageningen has a number of hotels:

- Fletcher Hotel
- WICC hotel
- Hotel de Wereld

Wageningen is close to neighbouring town called Bennekom, Ede, Renkum and Rhenen. You can travel between these towns via bus or bicycle.

- Hotel 't Paviljoen (Rhenen)
- De Reehorst (Ede)

For the WICC hotel in the centre of Wageningen we have a discount code, but the cost of the room is still just under 120EUR per night. Cheaper options may be available via [airbnb](#) or [booking.com](#).

Bicycles can be rented at Hotel 't Paviljoen, Fletcher Hotel, Hotel de Wereld.

Contact person

The contact person for this course is Lia Verheijen (lia.verheijen@wur.nl). Lia works Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.