

# **ANSC 1676/SAAS 276: Introduction to Companion Animal Mgmt. Spr 2014**

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**Text:** Companion Animals: Their Biology, Care, Health, and Management 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
K.L. Campbell and J.R. Campbell 2009  
ISBN: 978-0-13-504-767-5

## **Course Objectives:**

1. Describe the nutrition, anatomy, genetics, reproduction and management of various companion animals.
2. Discuss and evaluate ethical or current issues regarding companion animals.
3. At some point during the semester, visit and/or volunteer at an animal shelter OR attend a companion animal show. Write a one-page paper summarizing your experience and reflecting on how this relates to what you have learned in this course.
4. Using information from lecture, presentations, and the text, design a small business involving companion animals. This project will be due on May 1<sup>st</sup>, more information will follow.

**Student Evaluation:** (Assignments must be completed on time to receive full credit)

Discussion assignments

Shelter/show reflection paper

Small business project

2 Hour-exams, Final exam\* (100 pts each)

Total

50 pts (11%)

100 pts (22%)

300 pts (67%)

450 pts

## **Letter grade conversion:**

A ≥92 C 72-75.9

A- 89-91.9 C- 69-71.9

B+ 86-88.9 D+ 66-68.9

B 82-85.9 D 62-65.9

B- 79-81.9 D- 59-61.9

C+ 76-78.9 F <59

\* Final exam will be cumulative.

**Make-ups:** Make-up exams will only be allowed for students who have informed me prior to an exam of an absence due to serious illness or personal difficulty. For a discounted grade, assignments may be handed in late only if I have not returned corrected papers to the class.

**Questions/Concerns:** Students wishing to ask questions outside of class are encouraged to visit my office during office hours, make an appointment or stay after class to speak with me. Otherwise, please email any questions or concerns.

**Special Considerations:** Students who require any legitimate special considerations with respect to classroom attendance, test taking, field trip attendance, lab participation, or assignment completion should speak with the instructor as soon as possible.

**Academic Honesty:** Students are expected to follow UCONN's Code of Conduct. Please be sure to do your own work at all times. To access the full document follow this link:

<http://www.audit.uconn.edu/doc/codeofconduct.pdf>

**Use of Electronic Devices:** Appropriate usage of electronic devices includes note taking. Calculators are required for use during exams, use of smartphones etc. will not be allowed.

**HuskyCT:** Syllabus, assignments, and labs will be posted on the course website through HuskyCT. Please see additional materials there, as well.

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| <b>Date</b> |          | <b>Topic</b>   |
|-------------|----------|--|
| 1/23        | R        | What is a companion animal? Domestication Activity (TA checks off) |
| 1/27        | M        | Anatomy and Physiology (of mammals)                                |
| 1/30        | R        | Anatomy and Physiology   |
| 2/3         | M        | Nutrition  |
| 2/6         | R        | Nutrition  |
| 2/10        | M        | Nutrition  |
| 2/13        | R        | Reproduction   |
| 2/17        | M        | Reproduction   |
| 2/20        | R        | Reproduction   |
| <b>2/24</b> | <b>M</b> | <b>Exam 1</b>  |
| 2/27        | R        | Genetics   |
| 3/3         | M        | Genetics   |
| 3/6         | R        | Genetics   |
| 3/10        | M        | Health and Disease   |
| 3/13        | R        | Health and Disease   |
| 3/17-3/21   |          | Spring Break   |
| 3/24        | M        | Birds  |
| 3/27        | R        | Birds  |
| 3/31        | M        | Reptiles/Amphibians  |
| 4/3         | R        | Reptiles/Amphibians  |
| <b>4/7</b>  | <b>M</b> | <b>Exam 2</b>  |
| 4/10        | R        | Fish   |
| 4/14        | M        | Fish   |
| 4/17        | R        | Small business planning  |
| 4/21        | M        | Small business planning  |
| 4/24        | R        | Other companion animals?   |
| 4/28        | M        | Group presentations  |
| 5/1         | R        | Group presentations  |
| 5/5-5/9     |          | Final Exam week (Final exam date TBD)                              |