

COURSE: ANIMAL WELFARE, BEHAVIOUR & CAGE LIFE

Friday 2 March 2018

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We will review the natural behaviour, the sensory as well as cognitive abilities of mice and rats. This will form the basis for a presentation of concepts such as habituation and training in connection with conduction of various procedures.

Additionally, this background theory will be used when we look at housing, welfare assessment and welfare optimization. We will go through current legal requirements, and we will discuss how these requirements provide a basis for ensuring good animal welfare.

The course day will be concluded with a summation of different methods for optimizing and evaluating welfare. Besides presentations, the course also comprises a workshop. Here you get the opportunity to put your own experience into play and to discuss possibilities of optimization of animal welfare in modern experimental animal facilities.

Former course participant state:

- Excellent. Keep up the good work
 - Very good general knowledge of animal behaviour and welfare
 - Good course that contains many important elements to give our research animals a good environment
 - Very interesting course with fantastic speakers.
 - I wish it was a longer course!
 - Nice environment for thought and discussions
 - I really liked the discussion part of the day
 - Good speakers.
- Interesting subjects. Easy to understand and concentrate during presentations, thanks to speakers making it interesting. Good, happy and welcoming attitudes!

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Day Agenda

08.30-09.00: Good morning & breakfast.

09.00-12.15:

- Welfare definitions
- Behaviour in wild mice and rats and the consequences of domestication
- Senses, cognition and emotions
- Handling and procedures (habituation and training)

12.30-13.30: Lunch

13.30-16.00:

- Normal behaviour and housing
- Welfare, welfare assessment and welfare optimization
- Discussion/workshop, possibilities of optimizing welfare

Educator

Dorte Bratbo, University of Copenhagen: Dorte is a veterinarian and associate professor in laboratory animal sciences. Dorte's research has a primary focus on behaviour and welfare, e.g. methods to evaluate and improve animal welfare. Dorte has 17 years of experience in teaching about animal behaviour and welfare.

Karen Ekkelund Petersen, SCANBUR: Karen was educated as a veterinarian in 2012 and since then she has been working with experimental animals during her PhD and at SCANBUR. Karen has experience with teaching and knowledge about different housing systems, the legislation in this area and animal welfare.

Language

Optional (English or Danish). Our lecturers speak English but as most course participants are from Scandinavian countries the possibility of conducting the courses in Scandinavian is available, if all participants agree on it. Otherwise courses are held in English.

When

Friday 2 March 2018 from 08:30-16:00.

Where

SCANBUR, Silovej 16-18, 2690 Karlslunde.

Price

EUR 269,00 excluding VAT or Academy points 2500. Includes breakfast & lunch.

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Deadline for registration

Friday 23 February 2018.