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VACANCY FOR A RESIDENT ECVCN (EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY AND COMPARATIVE NUTRITION) COMPANION ANIMAL TRACK

Nutrition plays a crucial role in optimal health of animals and an individually adapted diet is often a very important aspect of the treatment of common diseases. Sometimes nutrition is the sole treatment in pet animals (e.g. obesity, kidney disease). Consequently, a balanced diet can make quite a difference regarding the clinical response of a patient. However, it is not always easy to find the most suitable diet in the large amount of available commercial diets. More and more, we also see very complex cases where a suitable single commercial diet is not available and a combination of available diets or a home-made diet needs to be prescribed. Also nutritional supplements are used more often as they can sometimes have an additional benefit. Owners and vets also have many questions related to alternative diets.

Are you interested in nutrition and do you want to get the most out of nutrition for your patients, then you might be the person we are looking for. We have a case load of more than 100 cases/resident/year.

CONTENT AND FUNCTION

We are looking for a veterinarian with a minimum of one year clinical experience and with broad clinical interest. The aim is to follow the standard residency programme full time during 3 years and to sit the college (European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition) board exam. The resident will get a scholarship during this 3 year period. The programme starts on October 1st 2018 or alternatively April 1st 2019.

The focus will be on clinical nutritional advice for dogs and cats. Most nutritional advices are requested by veterinarians in practice or are in collaboration with the clinics at the veterinary faculty of Ghent University. The resident will be responsible for the formulation of the dietary advices and the follow up of the patients afterwards. The resident will also be the contact person for the nutritional advices of patients in the clinic. Apart from this clinical part, the resident will also have to perform a (clinical) research part and will take part in the education of last year students. Internal and external presentations on several nutritional topics will have to be given. And it is also expected to take part in the permanence of the nutritional service for urgent nutritional requests.

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