

# BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour & Welfare (Top-up)



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Welcome to your university course guide. Here you will find all the information you need for starting in September including your equipment list, trips, reading list and much more.

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# Notable Guest Speakers

Students on the programme benefit from a fantastic variety of guest speakers, covering a broad range of topics. This year we launched a brand new 'Lunchtime Lecture' Series.

Click on the names below to find out more.

Connie Baker-Horne | (PhD student, Queen's University Belfast)- Investigating the effects of maternal stress in wild deer

Shannon Farrington | (Senior Keeper, ZSL)- How can zoological collections contribute towards conservation through evidence-based animal care

Jes Hooper | (PhD student, Exeter University)- Challenging the Civet Coffee Industry

Claire Munn | (Associate Director, David Archer Associates)- A career working as an ecological consultant.

Suzie Simpson | (PhD student, University of Kent)- The Turtle Tally Project

# Graduate Destinations

Graduates from our degree programmes can lead to a range of exciting careers in the animal industry. Some recent graduate destinations include:

Carnivore Keeper at Marwell Zoo

Animal Care Teaching Assistant at Bexhill College

Project Coordinator at the Civet Project Foundation

Animal Health Officer at the Animal and Plant Health Agency

Animal Rehoming Manager at Battersea Cats and Dogs Home

## Trips & Visits

Trips and visits form an integral part of the degree experience at Plumpton. This year, our students had the opportunity to participate in the following trips:

- ZSL London Zoo and London Aquarium.
- Colchester Zoo
- Knepp Rewilding Project
- Heathrow Airport Animal Receptions Centre
- Mankwe Wildlife Reserve (South Africa)

# Equipment List



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The BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Behaviour and Welfare provides the opportunity for practical working if students select the Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling module or if a practical dissertation is selected. There are many opportunities for students to get involved in extracurricular practical work with the College's animal collection as well as helping at Open Events.

When working practically with our animals, require all students to wear appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for their own safety and to protect animal welfare. The two items of compulsory PPE for working at our Animal Management Centre can be purchased online from LA Clothing Solutions:

Storm Grey Tunic

Plumpton College Black Safety Chukka Boot

Safety boots can be purchased through alternative retailers (often cheaper) but must have steel toe cap and ankle cover/protection.

A range of different sizes are available, so please check this before you place any orders and ensure you keep a receipt for any payments. As for trousers, we advise students to wear black jeans or cargo trousers, which can be purchased from a range of different clothing retailers. Jeans can be any colour but no jeans with holes/rips in them. No leggings or joggers are permitted when working at the Animal Management Centre.

Please also note that students are not permitted to wear jewellery during practical sessions when working at the Animal Management Centre, which includes removing any piercings or studs. During your induction, you will be given further information on working practices and requirements for practicals, but please do contact us in advance if you have any queries.



## **India Hicks (Alumni)- BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Behaviour and Welfare Year Top-up**

"As someone that has struggled both with finding my footing within academia and feeling overwhelmed in a larger university setting, completing both my FdSc and now my BSc at Plumpton College has enabled me to accomplish feats I never thought I would be able to achieve. In addition to the high quality of academic teaching in a vast variety of subject areas, the relations and genuine sense of care in my academic and pastoral wellbeing from HE staffing has meant I have felt undoubted support to grow and thrive over my years here - to the point where I am now confidently applying to postgraduate degrees. My younger self would be very proud of the path I am setting in my life!"

## **Lily Marchant (Alumni)- BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Behaviour and Welfare Year Top-up**

"I decided to top up my HND at Plumpton to get my degree in Animal Behaviour and Welfare and I couldn't have chosen a better university to do it at. My peers and lecturers made me feel very welcome when I first joined, and I've received a huge amount of support from my lecturers throughout the course who have encouraged me to exceed in my modules and enabled me to feel more confident in my academic abilities."

## Recommended reading:

Andrews, K., 2020. *The animal mind: an introduction to the philosophy of animal cognition*. (2nd Edition). Routledge.

Casey, R., 2022. *Companion animal behaviour problems: prevention and management of behaviour problems in veterinary practice*. CABI Publishing.

Le Neindre, P. and Deputte, B., 2022. *Interacting with animals: understanding their behaviour and welfare*. CABI Publishing.

Per Jensen (Eds). 2017. *The Ethology of Domestic Animals: An Introductory Text (3rd Edition)*. CABI Publishing.

Robertson, I.A. 2015. *Animals, welfare and the law : fundamental principles for critical assessment*. Routledge.

Sommerville, R., 2021. *Changing human behaviour to enhance animal welfare*. CABI Publishing.

Tyson, E., 2020. *Licensing laws and animal welfare: the legal protection of wild animals*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.