ANIMAL WELFARE TEACHING IN SERBIA

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FORMAL EDUCATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE
at different education levels

1. Preschool
2. Elementary school
3. Secondary school
4. Universities (Faculties of biomedical groups and agriculture)
5. Continuous education

INFORMAL EDUCATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE
for different target groups

1. Children of different ages
2. Police
3. Jurisdiction
4. Adults of different professions
5. ...
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (University of Belgrade)

From 1999 to 2004 – Animal protection and behaviour (students of 6th year)
From 2004 to 2008 to 2010

Integrated academic basic and graduated study

- Ethics in veterinary medicine (1st year, 1+0, M)
- Animal behaviour, welfare and protection (1st year, M, 1+1 or 15+15)
- Behavioural disorders of social animals and horses (5th year, 1+1 or 15+15, E)
- Behavioural disorders of farm animals (5th year, 1+1 or 15+15, E)
- Legislation in veterinary practice (6th year, M)
- Veterinary forensic science (6th year, M)

Academic study for specialists (Postgraduate study)

- Animal welfare (M, 2+2 or 30+30)

Academic PhD study (Postgraduate study)

- Experimental animals and models (M, 2+1 or 30+15)
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Faculty of Agriculture (University of Belgrade)
From 2008

Basic academic study

- Health protection of domestic and agricultural animals (2nd year, M)
- Organic livestock production (3rd year, E)
- Ethology of domestic and agricultural animals (3rd year, E)
- Animal hygiene (4th year, M)
- Animal reproductive disorders (4th year, E)
- Biosecurity on farms (4th year, E)

Graduate academic study

- Health protection of wild animals (E)
- Health protection of fish (E)
- Health preventive programs (E)
- Behaviour and welfare of domestic and agriculture animals (E)
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Faculty of Agriculture (University of Belgrade)

From 2008

PhD study (Postgraduate study)

- Stress in domestic animals (E)
- Animal behaviour and welfare (E)
- Prophylaxis and health preventive measures in wild animals (E)
- Biosecurity in animal production (E)

Faculty of Agriculture (University of Novi Sad) – Department for veterinary medicine

From 2008

- Ethology (2nd year, 2+2, M)
FORMAL EDUCATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE

School of Medicine University of Belgrade
Postgraduate study
  - Experimental methodology and GLP

Faculty of Pharmacy University of Belgrade
Postgraduate study
  - Principles of experimental animal manipulation
At the level of secondary school education, we are totally weak in animal welfare teaching.

In secondary schools we have no subject of animal welfare.

There are several professions that need knowledge and skills on animal welfare.
Elective subject: Guardians of Nature

Grade 3rd - Topics:
- Responsible ownership relating to dogs as pets
- I am not a stray dog I am an abandon dog
- Solution still exists…(for stray dogs)

Grade 4th - Topics:
- Your new puppy – useful tips (such as: healthcare of dogs and training of dogs)
- Your new kitten – useful tips (healthcare for cats, cat behaviour and misapprehensions about cats)
- Prevention and avoiding of dog bites

Grade 6th - Topics:
- Responsible attitude towards animals
- Animal rights – survival of animals depends on man
- Welfare of pet animals
- Welfare of farm animals, experimental animals and fur animals
- Care for abandoned animals
- Role of modern zoos today
  - 5 Freedoms
FORMAL EDUCATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Biology – Mandatory subject - Grade 6th and 8th
- Civics – Elective subject – Grade 2nd
- Preparatory preschool programme

YEAR 2009

ANIMAL WELFARE LOW

LOW ON SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

strengthening and development of awareness of protection and welfare of animals
INFORMAL EDUCATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE

From 2001 to 2010

• Course for journalists with mission: Do not write negatively about animals; Try to find or give solution; Try to inform readers of newspapers what is bad, what is good …
• Several courses for police – How to recognize abuse of animals and what to do?
• Several courses for jurisdiction – What to do in cases of abuse of animals?
• Several courses for teachers in preschool and elementary school education
• Public meeting on dog bite prevention in Belgrade
• Several creative workshops on animal welfare for children of preschool and school age

ORCA, BSS, SLAS, other NGOs…
Course Content of an Animal Welfare Programme

ANIMAL WELFARE SCIENCE

ANIMAL WELFARE ETHICS

ANIMAL WELFARE LOWS

ANIMALS AND SOCIETY

APPLICATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE SCIENCE

PBL
ROLE OF RSPCA IN ANIMAL WELFARE TEACHING IN SERBIA

teamwork with ORCA

organisation of training ANIMAL WELFARE TRAINING TRAINERS PROGRAM (RED MEAT)

Thanks for your attention!