

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

VET 102 ANIMAL HANDLING AND BEHAVIOR

Credit Hours: 3 Lec: 2 Lab: 2

PREREQUISITE:

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to animal handling, behavior assessment, restraint techniques, husbandry, and patient and staff safety used in veterinary practice.

1. COURSE GOAL

Develop foundational knowledge and practical skills in animal handling, restraint, behavior, husbandry, safety, and patient care utilized in veterinary practice.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 Demonstrate safe kenneling protocols, including placement and removal of animals from cages and kennels while maintaining patient safety and comfort
- 2.2 Determine appropriate restraint techniques based on behavioral assessment, size, weight, and physical condition
- 2.3 Apply appropriate safety equipment
- 2.4 Demonstrate canine handling and restraint techniques
- 2.5 Demonstrate feline handling and restraint techniques
- 2.6 Demonstrate equine restraint techniques
- 2.7 Recognize dog breeds, cat breeds, and common equine breeds
- 2.8 Identify the gender of small animal species, particularly felines
- 2.9 Differentiate between normal and abnormal animal behavior
- 2.10 Apply patient safety and stress-reduction techniques during animal handling and restraint procedures
- 2.10 Demonstrate appropriate restraint techniques to assist with veterinary procedures and sample collection

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Lecture
- 3.2 Multi-media Presentations
- 3.3 Group Discussions
- 3.4 Classroom Demonstrations
- 3.5 Laboratory Demonstrations
- 3.6 Supervised Laboratory Experiences

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Group Discussions
- 4.2 Oral Presentations
- 4.3 Classroom Demonstrations

- 4.4 Laboratory Practice
- 4.5 Animal Handling and Restraint Practice
- 4.6 Written Assignments

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Quizzes/Exams
- 5.2 Assignments
- 5.3 Participation
- 5.4 Oral Presentations
- 5.5 Practical Skill Check-Offs

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 Classroom Assignments: Students are responsible for work missed and for completing all work before the next class meeting. Students are responsible for participating in all oral drills and for taking all exams.
- 6.3 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 6.4 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.5 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.6 Textbooks and materials: Students are required to bring notebook or looseleaf book, pens, pencils, dictionaries, and purchase textbook required for class.
- 6.7 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester. Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
 - Submitting an academic assignment
 - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction

- Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
- Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
- Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course