

Reference Number	C-EBM.2
Module Title	Equine Behavioural Medicine B
Category and Value	C – 10 credits
Study Hours	100

Introduction

This module will focus on why horses behave the way they do and how to treat unwanted behaviours. Candidates will explore unwanted behaviours from a causal and functional perspective, considering the behaviour indicators of pain, stress, range of emotions and behavioural syndromes in horses. Candidates will be able to create behavioural modification plans to improve equine behaviour and welfare. Finally, there is a focus on human behaviour change and how it may be communicated to improve both human and equine welfare.

Aims

This module is aimed at vets who want to offer a service for seeing behavioural medicine cases. It is designed to help candidates develop both practical and theoretical skills in the field. The candidate is expected to build on the foundation skills developed when undertaking the A and B modules, and to demonstrate progression towards advanced practitioner skills. The candidate will be able to evaluate their own standards of practice and develop strategies for continuous improvement in the future.

Structure

This module covers the following specific themes:

- The equine behaviour consult
- Anthrozoology
- Psychopharmaceuticals, Nutraceuticals and Pheromones
- Behaviour problems associated with ethology and reproduction
- Syndromes

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this module candidates should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of specialised terminology, principal theories, concepts, and principles of equine behavioural medicine.
2. Apply knowledge, skills, and understanding in using a range of professional skills, techniques and practices associated with equine behaviour medicine.
3. Manage challenging professional issues and make informed judgements in relation to current professional and/or ethical codes or practices in relation to equine behavioural medicine.

Module Content

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Anthrozoology
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Behaviour problems associated with ethology and reproduction
Syndromes

Assessment Strategy

Module providers are responsible for deciding on assessment strategies and methods, subject to accreditation by RCVS. The following general guidance applies to assessment of this module:

- Assessment will be in accordance with the general requirement for the CertAVP qualification to be benchmarked against the Quality Assurance Agency's (QAA) "M" level in the national qualifications framework.
- Assessment will support the RCVS requirement for the module to be accessible to candidates from a wide variety of veterinary backgrounds.
- Assessment will be aimed at encouraging learning and at measuring progress towards the intended learning outcomes of the module.