

Programme Specification

Part 1: Basic Data			
Primary Programme Title	BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical) BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine (Clinical)		
Target Award Titles	Mode and Typical Duration of Study	Professional Accrediting Body Links	Study Abroad / Exchange / Credit Recognition
BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical)	Stage 0 Entry: Full time, 4 years, Part time, 8 years Stage 1 Entry: Full time, 3 years Part time, 6 years Stage 2 Entry: Full time, 2 years, Part time 4 years	Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC)	None
BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine (Clinical)	Stage 0 Entry: Full time, 4 years, Part time, 8 years Stage 1 Entry: Full time, 3 years Part time, 6 years Stage 2 Entry: Full time, 2 years, Part time 4 years	Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC)	None
BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical) with integrated placement year	Stage 0 Entry: Full time, 5 years, Part time, 9 years Stage 1 Entry: Full time, 4 years Part time, 7 years Stage 2 Entry: Full time, 3 years, Part time 5 years	Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC)	None
BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical) with Canine with integrated placement year	Stage 0 Entry: Full time, 5 years, Part time, 9 years Stage 1 Entry: Full time, 4 years Part time, 7 years Stage 2 Entry: Full time, 3 years, Part time 5 years	Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC)	None
Interim Award Titles	BSc Animal Behaviour and Training BSc Animal Behaviour and Training with integrated placement year BSc Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine with integrated placement year BSc Animal Studies BSc Animal Studies with integrated placement year Diploma of Higher Education in Animal Behaviour and Training Diploma of Higher Education in Animal Studies		

	Certificate of Higher Education in Animal Training Instruction Certificate of Higher Education in Animal Training Certificate of Higher Education in Animal Studies Undergraduate Certificate in Animal Training Undergraduate Certificate in Animal Studies Undergraduate Award in Animal Studies Higher Education Foundation Certificate in Academic Skills Higher Education Foundation Award in Academic Skills		
Teaching Delivery Method	On-site		
Awarding Institution	Hartpury University		
Teaching Institution	Hartpury University		
Delivery Location	Hartpury		
Department Responsible for Programme	Animal and Agriculture		
Unit-E Code	Stage 0 and Stage 1 entry: BSHAABTX Stage 2 entry: BSHAABT5 with Canine Stage 0 and Stage 1 entry: BSHAABTC Stage 2 entry: BSHAATC5		
Entry Criteria Information	Applicants will have achieved entry criteria appropriate for the stage of entry, which can be found through the Hartpury website (www.hartpury.ac.uk).		
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The BSc (Hons) in Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical) produces graduates who are capable of working within the sector in a variety of roles. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge, practical and intellectual skills to challenge orthodox thinking, develop new ideas and evaluate current process and practices in animal training for successful performance of tasks, support of good management practices and behavioural rehabilitation. Graduates are able to solve real-world problems through innovation, and the evaluation of training practices. Graduates can communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences, and implement and facilitate animal training and behaviour regimes. Graduates have the ability to think constructively and critically to enable them to propose successful evidence-based training and behavioural rehabilitation regimes. Graduates can apply contemporary advances in training techniques and apply research to change animal behaviour and performance focusing on welfare, health, ethics and associated legislation. The graduate's learning has been endorsed by the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC) as covering the academic elements necessary to achieve ABTC recognition at – Animal Trainer (AT), Animal Training Instructor (ATI), Animal Behaviour Technician (ABT) and Clinical Animal Behaviourist (CAB) levels. Full recognition may be achieved post-graduation via membership of one of ABTC's Practitioner Organisations. Graduates from the BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine (Clinical) have a strong knowledge base in a range of species but have focused their industry experience and research on domestic dogs.

The BSc (Hons) in Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical) with integrated placement year produces graduates with experience of working in the animal sector. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge, practical and intellectual skills to challenge orthodox thinking, develop new ideas and evaluate current process and practices in animal training for successful performance of tasks, support of good management practices and behavioural rehabilitation. Graduates have experienced real-world problems which can be solved through innovation, and the evaluation of training practices. Graduates can communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences, and implement and facilitate animal training and behaviour regimes. Graduates have the ability to think constructively and critically to enable them to propose successful evidence-based training and behavioural rehabilitation regimes. Graduates can apply contemporary advances in training techniques and apply research to change animal behaviour and performance focusing on welfare, health, ethics and associated legislation. The graduate's learning has been endorsed by the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC) as covering the academic elements necessary to achieve ABTC recognition at Animal Trainer (AT), Animal Training Instructor (ATI), Animal Behaviour Technician (ABT) and Clinical Animal Behaviourist (CAB) levels. Full recognition may be achieved post-graduation via membership of one of ABTC's Practitioner Organisations. Graduates from the BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine (Clinical) have a strong knowledge base in a range of species but have focused their industry experience and research on domestic dogs.

The BSc (Hons) in Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical) (Level 5 entry) produces graduates who are capable of working within the sector in a variety of roles. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge, practical and intellectual skills to challenge orthodox thinking, develop new ideas and evaluate current process and practices in animal training for successful performance of tasks, support of good management practices and behavioural rehabilitation. Graduates are able to solve real-world problems through innovation, and the evaluation of training practices. Graduates can communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences, and implement and facilitate animal training and behaviour regimes. Graduates will have the ability to think constructively and critically to enable them

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to propose successful evidence-based training and behavioural rehabilitation regimes. Graduates can apply contemporary advances in training techniques and apply research to change animal cognitive ability and performance focusing on welfare, health, ethics and associated legislation. The graduate's learning has been endorsed by the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC) as covering the academic elements necessary to achieve ABTC recognition as an Animal Training Instructor (ATI), Animal Behaviour Technician (ABT), and Clinical Animal Behaviourist (CAB). Full recognition may be achieved post-graduation via membership of one of ABTC's Practitioner Organisations.

Graduates from the BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine (Clinical) have a strong knowledge base in a range of species but have focused their industry experience and research on domestic dogs.

The BSc (Hons) in Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical) with integrated placement year (Level 5 entry) produces graduates with experience of working in the animal sector.

Graduates are equipped with the knowledge, practical and intellectual skills to challenge orthodox thinking, develop new ideas and evaluate current process and practices in animal training for successful performance of tasks, support of good management practices and behavioural rehabilitation. Graduates have experienced real-world problems which can be solved through innovation, and the evaluation of training practices. Graduates can communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences, and implement and facilitate animal training and behaviour regimes. Graduates have the ability to think constructively and critically to enable them to propose successful evidence-based training and behavioural rehabilitation regimes. Graduates can apply contemporary advances in training techniques and apply research to change animal behaviour and performance focusing on welfare, health, ethics and associated legislation. The graduate's learning has been endorsed by the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC) as covering the academic elements necessary to achieve ABTC recognition as an Animal Training Instructor (ATI), Animal Behaviour Technician (ABT), and Clinical Animal Behaviourist (CAB). Full recognition may be achieved post-graduation via membership of one of ABTC's Practitioner Organisations.

Graduates from the BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine (Clinical) have a strong knowledge base in a range of species but have focused their industry experience and research on domestic dogs.

Part 3: Programme Structure

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from enrolment through to graduation for a typical **full time student on the primary programme**, including:

- level and credit requirements
- award requirements that are in addition to those described in the Hartpury University Academic Regulations
- module diet, including core and optional modules.

Please note:

*PAB – these modules are subject to additional and variant regulations as part of an accreditation by a professional accrediting body

+ core modules marked + are not eligible for compensation

For ABTC recognition students must complete the modules indicated with a ¹ in the programme structure below for Animal Trainer, a ² in the programme structure below for Animal Trainer Instructor, a ³ in the programme structure for Animal Behaviour Technician, and a ⁴ in the programme structure for Clinical Animal Behaviourist.

	Core Modules	Optional Modules	Target and Interim Awards
Stage 0	HANVQX-15-3 Academic Literacy for University Studies HANVFP-30-3 Animal Studies HANVQK-30-3 Biological Principles for Land-Based Scientists HANVRR-15-3 Exploring Current Concepts HANVRD-30-3 Professional Development in Practice	None	<u>Higher Education Foundation Award in Academic Skills</u> <u>Higher Education Foundation Certificate in Academic Skills</u>
	To progress to stage 1 you must have passed at least 90 credits.		

Stage 1	<p>HANVMJ-15-4 Professional and Academic Skills in Animal Biology</p> <p>HANV89-15-4 Animals in Society</p> <p>HANXNW-30-4 Anatomy and Physiology</p> <p>HANXKK-15-4 Animal Health and Disease^{1,2}</p> <p>HANVMX-15-4 Professional Practice in the Animal Sector^{1,2}</p> <p>HANVCD-30-4 + Introduction to Animal Learning and Training^{1,2}</p>	<p>None</p>	<p><u>Undergraduate Award in Animal Studies</u></p> <p><u>Undergraduate Certificate in Animal Studies</u></p> <p><u>Certificate of Higher Education in Animal Studies</u></p> <p><u>Undergraduate Certificate in Animal Training</u> Must include Animal Health and Disease, Professional Practice in the Animal Sector, and Introduction to Animal Learning and Training.</p> <p><u>Certificate of Higher Education in Animal Training</u> Must include Animal Health and Disease, Professional Practice in the Animal Sector, and Introduction to Animal Learning and Training.</p>
	<p>To progress to stage 2 you must achieve at least 90 credits.</p>		
Stage 2	<p>HANVKV-15-5 Research Methods for Agricultural and Animal Scientists</p> <p>HANVR3-30-5 Professional Skills for Veterinary Paraprofessionals^{2,3}</p> <p>HANVRF-15-5 Physiology of Animal Behaviour³</p> <p>HANVCF-30-5 + Management and Training of the Animal³</p> <p>HANVRT-30-5 Understanding and Preventing Problematic Animal Behaviour³</p>	<p>None</p>	<p><u>Certificate of Higher Education in Animal Training Instruction</u> Must include Animal Health and Disease, Professional Practice in the Animal Sector, Introduction to Animal Learning and Training, and Professional Skills for Veterinary Paraprofessionals.</p> <p><u>Diploma of Higher Education in Animal Studies</u></p> <p><u>Diploma of Higher Education in Animal Behaviour and Training</u> Must include Professional Skills for Veterinary Paraprofessionals, Physiology of Animal Behaviour, Management and Training of the Animal, and Understanding and Preventing Problematic Animal Behaviour.</p>

Optional Year	HANVK6-15-5 Integrated Placement Year	None	
	To progress to stage 3 you must achieve at least 210 credits.		
Stage 3	<p>HANVKS-45-6 Animal and Agriculture Dissertation⁴</p> <p>HANV38-15-6 Anthrozoology⁴</p> <p>HANV4X-15-6 Cognitive Ethology⁴</p> <p>HANVS9-15-6 + Clinical Case Studies for Veterinary Paraprofessionals⁴</p> <p>HANVCH-30-6 + Advanced Animal Training⁴</p>	None	<p><u>BSc Animal Studies</u></p> <p><u>BSc Animal Studies with integrated placement year</u> Must include the Integrated Placement Year module.</p> <p><u>BSc Animal Behaviour and Training</u> Must include Professional Skills for Veterinary Paraprofessionals, Physiology of Animal Behaviour, Management and Training of the Animal, Understanding and Preventing Problematic Animal Behaviour, and Advanced Animal Training.</p> <p><u>BSc Animal Behaviour and Training with integrated placement year</u> Must include Professional Skills for Veterinary Paraprofessionals, Physiology of Animal Behaviour, Management and Training of the Animal, Understanding and Preventing Problematic Animal Behaviour, and Advanced Animal Training, and the Integrated Placement Year module.</p> <p><u>BSc Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine with integrated placement year</u> Must include Professional Skills for Veterinary Paraprofessionals, Physiology of Animal Behaviour, Management and Training of the Animal, Understanding and Preventing Problematic Animal Behaviour, and Advanced Animal Training, and the Integrated Placement Year module.</p>

			<p><u>BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical)</u> Must include all core modules.</p> <p><u>BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine (Clinical)</u> Must include all core modules.</p> <p><u>BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical) with integrated placement year</u> Must include all core modules and the Integrated Placement Year module.</p> <p><u>BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training with Canine (Clinical) with integrated placement year</u> Must include all core modules and module Integrated Placement Year module.</p>
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Part time:

The part time student journey from entry through to graduation is individually negotiated with the student.

Part 4: Programme Learning Outcomes

Modules in bold are core modules and modules not emboldened are optional modules.

A denotes a module that assesses a learning outcome and B denotes a module aligned with a learning outcome.

Learning Outcomes:	Professional and Academic Skills in Animal Biology	Animals in Society	Anatomy and Physiology	Animal Health and Disease	Professional Practice in the Animal Sector	Introduction to Animal Learning and Training	Research Methods for Agricultural and Animal Scientists	Professional Skills for Veterinary Paraprofessionals	Management and Training of the Animal	Physiology of Animal Behaviour	Understanding and Preventing Problematic Animal Behaviour	Integrated Placement Year	Animal and Agriculture Dissertation	Anthrozoology	Cognitive Ethology	Clinical Case Studies for Veterinary Paraprofessionals	Advanced Animal Training
A) Knowledge and Understanding of:																	
1. Legislative, ethical and moral constraints within the animal training sector.	B	B				B			B				A	B			
2. A range of techniques in animal training.						A			A			B				B	A
3. The basis of animal structure, function and physiology to facilitate best practice in animal behaviour and training.			A	B						A	B						
4. Nutrition, breeding and management practices.		B		B					A								
5. Developments in key areas relating to animal behaviour and training.									B		B		A	B	B		

6. The human-animal relationship, human psychology and human behaviour change.		A						B	B					A		A	A
7. Integrated coaching and management for training, excellence in animal behaviour and human-animal partnerships.						B		B	B		A					A	A
8. The principles and practice of animal husbandry, health and disease and how these combine to inform best practice in management and training of the animal.	B			A					A	A	B	B					
9. The physiology of animal behaviour and methods for managing and monitoring problematic behaviours.			B	B		B				A	A					A	
B) Intellectual Skills																	
1. Challenge knowledge and research concepts and practice from a range of sources through critical analysis, evaluation and application.		B												A	A	B	B
2. Effectively synthesise information from a range of disciplines to design and create a training programme for success.									A							B	A
3. Apply animal learning and animal welfare science theory into practice to propose realistic and effective training techniques across a range of disciplines.						B					A	B				B	A
4. Application of problem-solving skills and decision-making strategies to support in-depth investigation in the context of training.												B	A				A
5. Comprehensively reflect before, during and after action / decisions to be able to develop alternative and appropriate courses of action in advancing the effectiveness of animal training.					B	B		B	A								A
6. Reflect on how the animal behaviour and training industries are changing and propose sustainable approaches to future development.		B			B			A	B			B					
7. Evaluate the ethics of animal training practices and analyse the implications of specific practices for human and animal wellbeing.						B			A		B			B		A	B
C) Performance and Practice																	
1. Undertake competent practical handling skills that utilise a range of species (including technologies and equipment) to collect data to inform training practices.	A					A		B	B			B	B				B
2. Fully develop personal and business attributes including flexibility, creativity, self-reliance, adaptability, planning and management qualities, whilst considering the sustainability of the animal behaviour industry.	A						B	A				B	B				
3. Implement, monitor and critically evaluate and justify schedules and practices for effective behavioural management of the animal.									B		B					A	A
4. Recognise moral and ethical dilemmas central to animal training.		B				B	B		B		B		A	B		A	B

5. Demonstrate a commitment to continuing professional development and lifelong learning through the development of skills in relation to self-directed and independent study.	A			B	A	B	A	B	A				A	B			B
6. Demonstrate effective contribution to team working when managing the animal.								A				B				B	A
7. Assess the welfare domains for positive performance, wellbeing and career longevity.				A		A			A								B
D) Setting, Personal and Enabling Skills																	
1. Concisely prepare, interpret and present data using appropriate qualitative and quantitative techniques.	A		A	B		B	A		B				A	B			
2. Develop a reflective philosophy when analysing personal effectiveness and be responsible for personal wellbeing, management and learning.	A				A	A	A	A	A			A	B				A
3. Confidently demonstrate the ability to work individually and as part of a team in a variety of situations.	B			A	B			A				B	B			B	A
4. Influence and coach others in best practice training approaches for behavioural problems, considering how to account for inclusivity.						B		B	A		B					A	A
5. Develop a can-do attitude and develop inquiry-based learning.	B		B	B	B	B	A	B	B				A	B			B
6. Communicate effectively through written and verbal means, with a wide range of audiences.	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A		A		A	A		A	A

Part 5: Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Journey:

The Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical) programme utilises a mixture of teaching approaches, which aims to support the student to develop comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the principles of training and behavioural rehabilitation. Learning opportunities are varied, with students being able to put theory into practice using the campus animal facilities and real-life situations and events. The teaching and learning strategies employed within modules aim to develop graduates who can recognise trends and patterns, and propose justified solutions to problems related to animal behavioural management. The programme will have the following distinct features for each stage of delivery:

Foundation Stage: The focus will be on establishing clear underpinning knowledge and study skills to support students' progress through higher levels of the programme. Practical and academic skills will be enhanced, through a range of practical sessions and an internship in a chosen area of the campus e.g. Animal Management Centre. Students will learn in small groups to develop confidence, whilst working alone on projects to develop independent study skills in their own area of interest. At the Foundation Stage, students are assessed via a wide range of assessment methods to ensure they have the skills and feedback when they experience them at later stages of their programme. Students are assessed on their practical skills through practical skills assessments, their written work through reports, and subject knowledge via written examinations and tests. The feedback on these assessments should prepare them to be able to progress through their next stage.

Stage 1: Delivery is focused on providing a scientific foundation to support students' academic and interpersonal skill development. To achieve this, Stage 1 concentrates on the development of fundamental knowledge of animal science and human psychology, and the significance of the human-animal bond. Students will also learn how to assess animal health, with an introduction to welfare as well as beginning to gain an appreciation of ethical requirements to ensure positive interactions occur for both human and animal participants. Intellectual skills are developed through lectures, seminars, practical sessions and academic workshops. At Stage 1, students complete assessments that allow them to demonstrate both their theoretical and practical ability through practical skills assessments, written tests and coursework. Students develop their communication skills through oral assessments, scaffolding them for the modules that are assessed via oral assessment at later stages and ensuring that they have gained feedback and confidence for future study or employment. This stage allows students to cover the required topics they need to apply for ABTC Animal Trainer.

Stage 2: Delivery and assessment aims to consolidate the knowledge and skills developed in stage 1. Students are encouraged to evaluate the positive and negative impact of training on the animal. In Stage 2, students continue to apply their knowledge and understanding through evidence-based learning, application into practice and exposure to a range of guest speakers, from businesses, animal training organisations, and animal behaviour professionals. They also undertake an industry placement where they can expand their awareness of the real-world challenges of attempting to modify animal behaviour. At this stage students are assessed via a variety of methods enabling them to verbally defend their choice of training approaches to mimic industry expectations and develop their analysis and evaluation skills. Students are also required to produce a coursework portfolio showcasing their specialist knowledge and practical training skills to help them in their future career choice. Delivery will encourage students to develop their autonomy, engage in reflection and will reinforce the competencies developed in Stage 1. This stage allows students to cover the required topics they need to apply for ABTC Animal Trainer Instructor and Animal Behaviour Technician.

Integrated Placement Year (optional): Students have the opportunity to further develop their employability and can experience different methods used within training, performance and rehabilitation in either a regional, national or an international environment.

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Stage 3: Delivery aims to provide students with opportunities to apply research and the skills they have developed into practice, and expand their knowledge towards the management of animals showing problematic behaviours. Taught content will focus on evaluation of animal training and behavioural modification. Students will be encouraged to engage in critical review and evidence-based learning, with opportunities to put this into practice during industry or research-focused projects. Students will enhance skills of reflection and application through engagement with industry, culminating in a case study-based module, for reflective improvement and advancement. In addition to producing industry relevant case study reports, students continue to build on their verbal and presentation skills at Stage 3 through oral assessments. Students are also required to demonstrate their practical competency in a practical skills assessment. There is a focus on evaluating their own practice, therefore students are required to demonstrate their reflective skills across a number of assessments to prepare them for continuous development within industry. Throughout their studies, students are encouraged to engage with volunteering opportunities to develop their practice and subject knowledge. Students will develop an ethos for ethical, welfare-centred practice, with a strong focus on the improvement and refinement on the training, and behavioural rehabilitation of animals. This stage allows students to cover the required topics they need to apply for ABTC Clinical Animal Behaviourist.

Teaching will incorporate access to various resources onsite at the institution including the animal collection, farm, equine centre and the wider estate. A range of equipment is available for students to develop their vocational skills in a safe teaching environment. This equipment is updated on a regular basis to reflect current practice in industry, and the needs of research activities. Classrooms are situated throughout the University, which allows for a seamless transfer between theory and practical activities. The teaching team have a high degree of industry relevant experience that covers all aspects of the programme and are actively engaged in research and knowledge exchange activities.

Students have access to the University learning resources to support their studies. Students can access a wide range of textbooks and journals alongside ICT facilities. There are dedicated areas for individual study, group study and a higher education flexible study zone. These facilities are all available to students to support their studies. Students with specific learning requirements will be supported through the HE Learning Support Service which works with the individual student to facilitate them accessing support through government schemes, provides them with study advice to maximise their chances of success and where necessary guides them through applying for alternative means of assessment.

Careers: To support students' career preparations, personnel from the careers department will provide students with opportunities to map progress towards chosen career paths and develop effective CVs and interview techniques. Industry professionals will also visit the institution on an annual basis, as part of an Animal Careers Insight day, to support students to develop their employability prospects and engage directly with employers. A range of online resources linked to employability will also be signposted to students via the programme's Moodle page, Innovation, Careers and Enterprise Centre (ICE), and academic personal tutors. Tutors will typically offer subject-specific careers advice through module sessions or within individual tutorials.

Students are strongly encouraged to undertake work experience and voluntary working within the animal sector alongside their studies. This professional practical experience, paired with the course credentials, as recognised by the ABTC, will facilitate their journey in applying for membership of an ABTC practitioner organisation. Recognition of the programme by the ABTC also confirms that students have been prepared to work effectively as animal professionals, able to perform in a responsible and ethical way and according to industry best practice.

This programme will be assessed according to the approved Academic Regulations.

Students registered on this programme will have access to the Hartpury University support services.

Part 5: Learning, Teaching and Assessment

The distinctive module used by the Programme Examination Board to inform recommending differential awards for students when considering borderline performance profiles will be Animal and Agriculture Dissertation.

Professional Accrediting Body documents to which this programme is mapped and or aligned: ABTC role standards for Animal Trainer (AT), Animal Training Instructor (ATI), Animal Behaviour Technician (ABT), and Clinical Animal Behaviourist (CAB).

Assessment Map									
		Type of Assessment*							
		Coursework	Report	Portfolio	Written Examination	Written Test	Practical Skills Examination	Practical Skills Assessment	Oral Assessment
Core Modules Stage 0	Academic Literacy for Academic Studies							A (100) Graduate Skills Logbook	
	Professional Development in Practice			A (100) Industry Experience Portfolio					
	Exploring Current Concepts	A1 (20) Coursework A2 (80) Essay Based on a Case Study							
	Animal Studies				A (50) Written Examination				B (50) Group Oral Presentation with Questions, individually marked
	Biological Principles for Land-Based Scientists					B (50) Test Series		A (50) Practical Skills Logbook	

Core Modules Stage 1	Professional and Academic Skills in Animal Biology							A (100) Practical Skills Logbook	
	Animals in Society	B (50) Coursework							A (50) Oral Presentation
	Anatomy and Physiology							A (100) Practical Skills Logbook	
	Animal Health and Disease								A (100) Group Oral Assessment, individually marked
	Professional Practice in the Animal Sector			A (100) Industry Experience Portfolio					
	Introduction to Animal Learning and Training							A (50) Practical Skills Assessment	B (50) Group Oral Presentation with Questions, individually marked
Core Modules Stage 2	Research Methods for Agricultural and Animal Scientists	A (50) Coursework				B (50) Test Series			
	Professional Skills for Veterinary Paraprofessionals			A (100) Industry Experience Portfolio					
	Management and Training of the Animal			B (50) Coursework Portfolio					A (50) Oral Presentation with Questions
	Physiology of Animal Behaviour	A (100) Coursework							
	Understanding and Preventing Problematic Animal Behaviour	B (75) Coursework						A (25) Practical Skills Assessment	

Optional Year	Integrated Placement Year			A (100) Industry Experience Portfolio					
Core Modules Stage 3	Animal and Agriculture Dissertation		A1 (90) Project Report					A2 (10) Practical Skills Assessment	
	Anthrozoology	A (100) Coursework							
	Cognitive Ethology		A (100) Report						
	Clinical Case Studies for Veterinary Paraprofessionals		A (50) Case Study Report						B (50) Oral Presentation with Questions
	Advanced Animal Training		B (50) Report					A (50) Practical Skills Assessment	


*Indicative assessment types for new students enrolling on this programme after the date this specification takes effect (Part 1) are shown in terms of either **Coursework**, **Written Examination**, or **Practical Examination** as indicated by the colour coding above.

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if they take full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of individual modules can be found through Hartpury's website (www.hartpury.ac.uk).



Approved Programme Amendment Log

Primary Programme Title:	BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Training (Clinical)
Programme Code:	BSHAABTX / BSHAABTC
Initial Approval Date:	25 October 2023

Changes: *Most recent at the top of the page*

Current version number: 1.2	
Outline Change Details: Part 5: Assessment Map – assessment for Stage 3 / Level 6 module Anthrozoology changed from Seen Open-Material Case Study(s) Written Examination to Coursework, in line with module amendment.	
Do the changes presented alter the mapping against the Hartpury University Curriculum Framework (delete as appropriate)? No If yes, please provide the details of the changes:	
Material Alteration: No	
Rationale: Module assessment has been changed in response to student feedback that they would prefer a more creative opportunity to showcase the criticality, knowledge and skills they have acquired through the module, and having an applied assessment would provide a more appropriate graduate skill, rather than the completion of an examination.	
Change requested by: Clare Thomas-Pino I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Signature: <i>Clare Thomas-Pino</i> Date: 28/1/26 </div>	
Name of Head of Department: Jenny Paddison I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Signature:  Date: 28/01/2026 </div>	
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Do the changes presented alter the mapping against the Hartpury University Curriculum Framework (delete as appropriate)? No If yes, please provide the details of the changes:	

Material Alteration: No	
Rationale: To ensure accuracy following confirmation of full PAB approval.	
Change requested by: Wanda McCormick N/A I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change N/A I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted N/A I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report 	
Signature:	Date: 06/09/2024
Name of Head of Department: Wanda McCormick I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department 	
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Outline Change Details: Part 1 and footer: note regarding course enrolment being subject to confirmation of professional body recognition following programme approval by the ABTC. Part 1: PAB approval date added. Parts 2, 3 and 5 – references to PAB recognition against the Clinical Animal Behaviourist level removed, as this has not yet been confirmed by the professional body. Parts 1 and 3: interim awards updated in line with current regulations - Undergraduate Level 4 Award in Animal Studies and Higher Education Foundation Award in Academic Skills added, Undergraduate Certificate amended to Undergraduate Level 4 Certificate. Certificate in Academic Skills removed. Parts 3 and 5 updated to reflect Stage 0 / Level 3 module amendments as considered at the CVC meeting that took place on 23 November 2023. HANVQX-15-3 Academic Literacy for University Studies replaces HANVG4-15-3 Foundation Skills Development; HANVRD-30-3 Professional Development in Practice replaces HANV8B-30-3 Academic Skills in Practice; HANVRR-15-3 Exploring Current Concepts replaces HANV8C-15-3 Reviewing Literature; HANVQK-30-3 Biological Principles for Land-Based Scientists replaces HANV8E Foundation Biological Principles. HANVFP-30-3 Foundation Animal Studies module title changed to Animal Studies. Part 5: Assessment Map updated to reflect Stage 0 module assessment amendments. Animal Studies Component A changed from Oral Presentation with Questions to Written Examination, Component B changed from Written Examination to Group Oral Presentation with Questions, individually marked; Exploring Current Concepts changed from Literature Review to A1 (20) Coursework and A2 (80) Essay Based on a Case Study Part 5: Assessment Map - Stage 3 core module Clinical Case Studies for Veterinary Paraprofessionals Component A (Case Study Report) changed from 100% to 50%, and Component B (Oral Presentation with Questions) added, in line with module amendment.
Do the changes presented alter the mapping against the Hartpury University Curriculum Framework (delete as appropriate)? No
If yes, please provide the details of the changes:
Material Alteration: Yes and is accompanied by the relevant course information document.
Rationale:

Updated to reflect PAB recognition of the programme following confirmation of approval by the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC).

Stage 0 – updated to ensure accuracy following review of Level 3 modules.

Change requested by: Wanda McCormick

N/A I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change

N/A I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted

N/A I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report




Signature:

Date: 03/09/2024

Name of Head of Department: Wanda McCormick

I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department; OR;



Signature:

Date: 03/09/2024

Approval Committee and Date:	CSP Chair's Action L Dumbell 2024 09 05
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Outline Change Details:

New programme.

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