

FOCUSING ON ANIMAL WELFARE!



Veterinary Nursing

We provide training and undertake research in veterinary nursing. The veterinary nursing programme is a three-year course which leads to a Bachelor's degree and to a professional qualification in veterinary nursing. We also provide a course which gives veterinary surgeons who have graduated in non-EU countries supplementary education. This enables them to register and practice as veterinary surgeons in Sweden.



Ethology and Animal Welfare

Our research contributes to an increased understanding of the behaviour and welfare of animals, and deals with areas such as abnormal behaviour in farm animals, cognition and positive emotions in pets, human/animal and animal/animal interaction, as well as conservation biology. We are responsible for the three-year Ethology and Animal Welfare programme.



Animal Hygiene

Animal hygiene is the study of the impact of external factors in an animal's environment on the animal's health, the prevention of environmentally-related illness, the promotion of animal health and the prevention of cruelty. Our research concentrates on how an animal's health, behaviour and welfare may be affected by different approaches to housing, handling, transport, slaughter and euthanasia.



Production Systems

We undertake applied research, primarily in the areas of beef and lamb production, but also as part of projects relating to milk and roughage production. We operate for the Götala Beef and Lamb Research Centre. Most of our work relates to feeding, production models and production economy.



Production Diseases

We use applied research and education to maintain good animal health and animal welfare among farm animals. Our main focus is to study and attempt to rectify health problems arising from poor management, housing systems, breeding and feeding practices. Areas of particular interest include claw health, calf health, udder health, fertility and metabolic disorders.



"We will increase knowledge about the relationships between housing, management, feeding, animal health, behaviour, animal welfare and the external environment. This will be achieved through research, education and research information"

The Department of Animal Environment and Health will contribute to:

- increasing knowledge about animal management and welfare, as well as veterinary nursing
- preventing and reducing health and welfare problems in domestic animals, and
- developing ecologically, economically and socially sustainable livestock production.

The Department is part of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU. Most of the Department's activities are carried out at the SLU Campus in Skara, in collaboration with farms, animal hospitals and others in the surrounding area. The Department consists of six sections, with 75 staff in total - professors, senior lecturers, researchers, lecturers, technicians and others - from a wide range of professions. Some of the staff are placed in Uppsala.



The Administrative Support provides support for the Department in areas such as economy, human resources and course administration and also technical support.

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