

Learning Animals
Institute for Zooanthropology
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Study program Learning Horse



'Learning to understand horses from their perspective'

'Every horse has his own world of perception and his own personal development'



The Essence

In the equine-human relationship there is often a one-way interaction: People look for the possibility to develop specific behavior in their training and daily activities with the horse. A sound and pure relationship however, is based on dialogue, in which all involved can express their intention and intrinsic motivation.

Understanding what the needs and pleasures are for horses in a (horse-human) relationship, and how this becomes the key to access an authentic dimension of well-being, understanding how this is different from what we are used to, and understanding the elements involved to be able to live and enjoy this approach in your own relationship(s), is what the Learning Horse study program in *applied equine zooanthropology* will focus on, which requires to learn to see our interaction with other animals through different eyes, their eyes.

Every horse is an individual





Mission

The mission of Learning Animals is to emphasize concepts regarding the emotional, affiliative and cognitive side of animals, also in the coexistence with human animals, how to preserve it or rescue it if impacted by previous experiences. Learning Animals recognizes animals as subjects and sentient beings. The activities and study programs of Learning Animals have their roots in zooanthropology, cognitive ethology, anti-speciesism and post-humanism.

Where will this Learning Horse journey bring you

Dialogue, affiliative behaviours and social dynamics between human and other animals are the basis of this Learning Horse education program. You learn to understand and recognize how the cognitive abilities of the horse can give depth and meaning to relationships and quality of life. You learn how relationship dynamics develop. And most important, you will learn how to take into account within your own activities and interaction the preservation of these abilities. An intriguing journey of knowledge and inspiring practical exercises, in the world of horses as sentient and cognitive beings. It will create the awareness of how the quality of life for horses is related to the ability to be able to be in a dialogue with their own perceptions, their own experiences, emotions and cognition.

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Teachers

Francesco De Giorgio:

Biologist, specialized in animal cognition and with a life experience in the relationship with horses and dogs. Teacher in the understanding and the practical application of the cognitive-zooanthropologic model, both to improve relationship dynamics, animal wellbeing, and rehabilitation processes. Member of the Ethics Committee of ISAE (International Society for Applied Ethology) and unique in his insight in the dialogue of equids with the world around them.

José Schoorl:

Specialized in the facilitation of cultural changes, consultant in the animal-human relationship, teacher in applied zooanthropology and personal growth facilitator. Strives to improve the way human understand the elements in their relationship with other animals, how to live, and how to develop the relationship with animals from the animal point of view, facilitating in-depth personal growth paths.

Program overview

PHASE I THE PARADIGM SHIFT

Module 1: Animal Ethics in the interspecies relationship
Module 2: Principles of Cognitive Ethology
Module 3: Cognition, Learning and Quality of Life

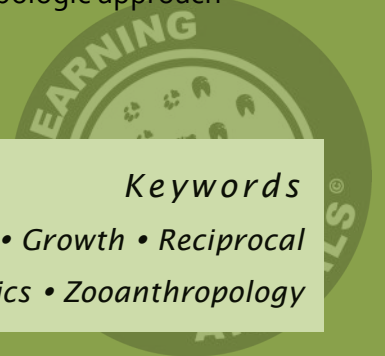
PHASE II RECOGNIZING VALUES IN DAILY LIFE

Module 4: Dialogue and Social dynamics
Module 5: Problem experiences
Module 6: Developing activities from the zooanthropologic approach preparation for the exam

EXAM

Keywords

• *Cognitive Ethology* • *Equine Cognition* • *Dialogue* • *Growth* • *Reciprocal understanding* • *Perception* • *Ethics* • *Zooanthropology*





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The Learning Animals study programs are innovative, continuously up-to-date as new insights and developments are continuously included in the program. The foundation of the program will take you as a participant to the roots and meaning of our coexistence with horses, their social dynamics and their coexistence with humans.

The various modules emphasize the importance of the knowledge of cognition and relationship dynamics, learning to look in daily practice from the viewpoint of the horse.

The Learning Animals courses are included in the Animals and Society Institute's list of academic studies and study opportunities in the field of animal-human relationship. The courses are also recognized and accredited by the Dutch state, in accordance with the European standards for professional education.

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Life is being in dialogue with your world