

VACANCY FOR A RESIDENT ECVCN (EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY AND COMPARATIVE NUTRITION) EQUINES & SMALL ANIMALS

Nutrition plays a crucial role in optimal health of companion animals and an individually adapted diet is often a very important aspect of the treatment of common diseases. Sometimes nutrition is the sole treatment. Consequently, a balanced diet can make quite a difference regarding the clinical response of a patient. Meanwhile it is clear that an adapted and balanced diet is also a very important factor for optimal sport performance in horses. Different kinds of supplements are often added to the regular diet to increase performances. Some of these are necessary, others may be harmful.



Are you interested in nutrition and do you want to get the most out of nutrition for your patients (dogs/cats and/or horses) and equine athletes, then you might be the person we are looking for.

PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATE AND CONTENT OF THE FUNCTION

We are looking for a veterinarian with a minimum of one year clinical experience and with broad clinical interest. The aim is to follow the standard residency program full time during 3 years and to sit the college (European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition) board exam at the end of this period. The resident will get a scholarship during this 3 year period. Ideally, the programme starts April 1st 2023.

You will become the contact person for the small animal nutrition or equine nutrition service (<https://www.orsami.be/en/nutrition-small-pets>; <https://www.orsami.be/nl/dierenvoeding-paarden>). The focus will be on clinical nutritional advice for dogs/cats and/or equines. Most nutritional advices are requested by veterinarians in practice and are in cooperation with the clinics at the veterinary faculty of Ghent University. The resident will be responsible for the formulation of the dietary advices and the follow up of the patients afterwards. You will also be part of a rotation system for the advices. Apart from this clinical part, the resident will also have to perform a (clinical) research part and will take part in the education of last year students. Internal and external presentations on several nutritional topics will have to be given. You will also take part in the permanence of the nutritional service for urgent nutritional requests based on a rotation schedule.

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