



Graduate Certificate in Canine Sports Medicine

UCD School of Veterinary Medicine

The Graduate Certificate in Canine Sports Medicine is designed to provide veterinary practitioners with the knowledge, skills and attributes required for the veterinary care of racing and breeding greyhounds, and other canine athletes. The programme will be of interest to veterinary practitioners interested in working with racing greyhounds, assisting at race meetings, or providing advice on welfare and breeding.

Programme Delivery

The programme is part-time, and will be delivered via a combination of distance learning resources and hands-on practical sessions at the UCD veterinary hospital. A total of 30 ECTS is required to complete the programme. It will commence in January 2012. Full details are available on our website under graduate taught programmes:

www.ucd.ie/vetmed

Having completed the programme participants will have:

- An understanding of the Greyhound industry in Ireland and Internationally
- Knowledge of the duties and responsibility of the veterinarian in caring for racing greyhounds
- Understanding of biomechanics and the influence of track design on racing performance
- Knowledge and understanding of legislation on drug use, withdrawal times and doping of racing greyhounds

Having completed the programme participants will have the ability to:

- Conduct a systematic clinical examination of the greyhound for musculoskeletal injury
- Advise on the husbandry, nutrition and breeding of racing greyhounds
- Diagnose and treat diseases and common sports injuries in racing and breeding greyhounds
- Apply surgical principles and perform common surgical procedures effectively, with emphasis on musculoskeletal injuries
- Advise on reproduction in greyhounds and other sports animals including sled dogs and trail hounds
- Make judgements and advise on relevant ethical and animal welfare issues

CVE

Following the successful completion of this programme participants will be entitled to 5 years of CVE credits from the Veterinary Council of Ireland.

Programme Admissions

Applications can be made online at www.ucd.ie/apply

Applicants must possess a degree in veterinary medicine registerable with the Veterinary Council of Ireland. Transcripts of degree(s) must be provided at the time of application.

Fees: €4,000

