Module: Bioethics and Animal Welfare

Module coordinator: To be appointed

Module outline
This module will look at aspects of animal welfare, animal behaviour and the broad base of bioethics, including ethics of research, ethics of animal experimentation and ethics of human experimentation and treatment. The module will include attendance at the UK Home Office course for obtaining a personal licence for research using animals where legislative issues will be covered. Students will explore the concepts of animal welfare and indicators of good and bad welfare, including behavioural markers.

Topics
- Animal welfare: Basic concepts of animal welfare ("animal happiness") and behavioural indicators
- Ethics and research
- Animal ethics: utilitarian and other models
- Ethics of human experimentation and treatment: beneficence, autonomy, justice
- Scientific ethics and misconduct: plagiarism, falsification

Learning: 5 ECTS
- Lectures: 20h
- Seminars: 20h
- Workshops: 10h
- Independent work: 75h

Assessment
- 70% Review of an ethical issue in the literature