

VACANCY: RESIDENT POSITION IN ECVCN (EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY AND COMPARATIVE NUTRITION) *Specializing in Equines & Small Animals Nutrition*

The Importance of Veterinary Nutrition

Nutrition is vital for the **health** and **recovery** of companion animals, often serving as a **core treatment** for common diseases and, in some cases, the **primary therapy**. A **well-balanced**, tailored diet can significantly enhance **clinical outcomes**, promote **recovery**, and improve **quality of life**.



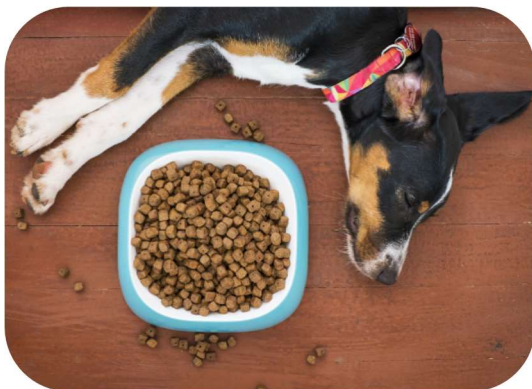
In **equine athletes**, optimized **nutrition** is equally crucial for maximizing **performance**. While **supplements** are frequently used to boost results, careful selection is essential, as they can be either **beneficial** or **detrimental**.

If you're passionate about **veterinary nutrition** and committed to helping **dogs, cats, or horses** reach their full **health** and **performance** potential, this opportunity may be ideal for you!

Candidate Profile

We are looking for a veterinarian who:

- Has **at least one year of clinical experience**.
 - Demonstrates a broad clinical interest, particularly in the area of **nutrition**.
 - Is motivated to follow the **three-year full-time residency program**, working towards passing the **European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition (ECVCN)** board exam at the end of this period.
 - Is available to start the residency on **April 1, 2025**.
 - Will receive a **scholarship** for the full duration of the residency.
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Role Responsibilities

1. Primary Contact for Nutrition Services

As the resident, you will become the primary point of contact for either the **small animal nutrition** or **equine nutrition** service, depending on your specialization. You will focus on providing **clinical nutritional advice** for dogs, cats, and/or horses. Many of these cases come through **veterinary practitioners**,

and you will work closely with the clinics at the **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University**. Your role will include:

- Developing **individualized dietary plans**.
- Monitoring and following up on **patient progress** to ensure the best possible clinical outcomes.

2. Rotational Clinical Work

As part of the nutrition service team, you will participate in a **rotation system**. This includes:

- **Clinical rotations** in the nutrition clinic, where you will see patients and provide expert dietary advice.
- Handling **urgent nutritional requests**, where timely advice is required to address critical patient needs.

3. Research and Education

In addition to the clinical aspect of the residency, you will be involved in:

- Conducting **clinical or research projects** in the field of veterinary nutrition, helping to advance knowledge in this important area.
- Participating in the **education** of veterinary students, sharing your knowledge and experience to help train the next generation of veterinarians.
- Delivering **presentations** on various nutritional topics, both within the university and at external events, helping to raise awareness of the importance of nutrition in veterinary care.

Additional Information

For more details or any questions regarding the position, please contact **Prof. Dr. Myriam Hesta**, ECVCN Diplomate:

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Service Information

To learn more about the specific services you will be involved with, please visit the following links:

- [Nutrition for Small Pets](#)
- [Equine Nutrition](#)



This residency offers a unique opportunity to develop advanced expertise in **veterinary nutrition**, contributing directly to **patient care** and **clinical outcomes**. If you're ready to take your career to the next level, we encourage you to apply!