**Syllabus for ANSC 106** **Spring 2020**

# Biology of Companion Animals

**Learning Objectives:** Using active and self-directed learning techniques, empower students to learn and apply principles of companion animal biology over a lifetime.

**Learning Coach:** Coach Rod rallrich@purdue.edu or rod@rodallrich.com
Seeking Coach's help: 1) See Rod during class, 2) See Rod during the 2/week help sessions 3) Email Rod for a specific time to meet
TAs: Several talented undergraduates will help us learn.

**Course Topics:** Anatomy & Physiology, Genetics, Reproduction and Lactation, Nutrition, Immunity & Health, Thermoregulation, and Behavior. Focus animals are dogs, cats and horses. Some limited time will also be devoted to birds, reptiles, amphibians, and rodents.

**Course Website:** www.rodallrich.com Contains links to reading material/videos (no textbook required)
Backup websites: rodallrich2.com and rodallrich.bravehost.com

**Study Room for ANSC 106:** **MW @ 3:30-5:30 pm in CRTN 1011 (the 2 hours after class)**

**Class Meeting Times/Place:** **MW @ 2:35-3:20 pm in CRTN 1011 (Fridays-view videos (on your own time) created by Coach Rod; therefore, we will meet in cyberspace on Fridays)**

**Exams:** Six during semester (100 pts. each). At the end of the semester, the lowest exam score will be dropped and the highest exam score will be doubled.

**Exam dates:** **1/29 2/12 3/4 3/25 4/8 4/22 (all during regular class time in CRTN 1011)**

**Final Exam:** **There will be no final exam (we already had 6 exams!)**

**Exam Makeups**: Makeups possible only for special reasons such as serious illness, funerals, etc. Makeups must be arranged **prior to the time** of the to-be-missed exam. Exam makeups may be oral or written or some combination of written & oral.

**Course Grade Determination:** There are 600 total points possible for the semester.

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| A plus (4.0) 97.0-100.0 % | A (4.0) 93.0-96.9 % | A minus (3.7) 90.0-92.9 % | |
| B plus (3.3) 87.0-89.9 % | B (3.0) 83.0-86.9 % | B minus (2.7) 80.0-82.9 % | |
| C plus (2.3) 77.0-79.9 % | C (2.0) 73.0-76.9 % | C minus (1.7) 70.0-72.9 % | |
| D plus (1.3) 67.0-69.9 % | D (1.0) 63.0-66.9 % | D minus (0.7) 60.0-62.9 % | F (0.0) < 60.0 % |

**Dead Week Policy**: No class meetings scheduled. Instruction time (150 minutes) from this week will be conducted earlier in the semester via required YouTube instructional videos.

**Bad Weather Policy:** In the event that Purdue cancels classes, Rod will send an email to students describing how the schedule of course events is affected by the cancellation.

**Smart phones, etc.:** Must be put away during class. Each violation = 25 point loss on next exam.