

Cooperative learning and the usefulness of the society in veterinary education



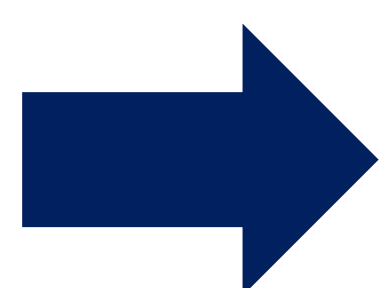
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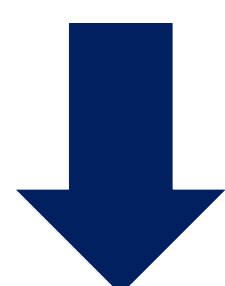
For new veterinary graduates, one of the essential competences to be reached refers to communicate effectively with clients, professional colleagues and responsible authorities; listen effectively and respond sympathetically to clients and others, using language in a form appropriate to the audience and the context...

Through the completion and public defense of a critical essay about animal welfare, teachers intend that students engage in a process of analysis and deep discussion about the reality of working in the veterinary profession in various fields at local, national or international levels

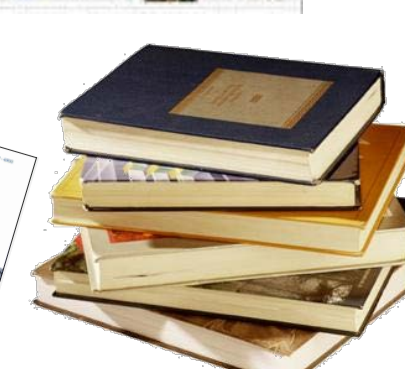


Explanation in the classroom: The rules

Working groups (spontaneous creation)→ Choice of subject; Research; Debate; Performing the essay and oral presentation...



Sources of information (even personal experiences related with the selected topic)



Students defend their content to people outside the profession and representing different strata in society. Thus, through discussion and the questions asked by this jury, students gain awareness of the role of their studies and future profession in society.



The jury...

At the end of the process, the best projects are prepared and published in veterinary magazines and/or widely distributed Spanish social media...

Articles published by the USC-veterinary students (2009-2011)



To date, the experience developed in our unit has been very positive. For the students it is often the first time they experience a debate of this kind and in addition, they are excited by the opportunity to voice their opinion in print media that is widely disseminated.