

Summer School on Assistance Dogs, 6th – 10th September 2026

Day & Period	Sunday, Sept. 6 th	Monday, Sept. 7 th	Tuesday, Sept. 8 th	Wednesday, Sept. 9 th	Thursday, Sept. 10 th	
Morning	Arrival and Check-in at Dormitory	9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Behavioural Principles in Assistance Dog Training Part 1 (<i>Nicole Pfaller-Sadovsky</i>)	9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Parallel practical workshops ¹ (<i>Mare Bručan, Kati Kohoutek, Bina Lunzer</i>)	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.	9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Health Requirements for Assistance Dogs (<i>Karl Weissenbacher</i>)	
		10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Coffee Break	10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Coffee Break		10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Coffee Break	
		11 a.m. – 12 a.m. Behavioural Principles in Assistance Dog Training Part 2 (<i>Nicole Pfaller-Sadovsky</i>)	11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Parallel practical workshops ¹ (<i>Mare Bručan, Kati Kohoutek, Bina Lunzer</i>)		10.30 a.m. – 12 a.m. Understanding the Needs of People with Disabilities (<i>Anna-Sophie Unger</i>)	
		free	12 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch		12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. Lunch	12 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Summary and Wrap Up (<i>Karl Weissenbacher</i>)
		3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. Ethical Considerations for Assistance Dogs (<i>Svenja Springer</i>)		1.30 p.m. – 3 p.m. CEN, Lifetime Welfare Considerations for Assistance Dogs (<i>Karl Weissenbacher</i>)	12.30 p.m.
Afternoon	Arrival at Campus Vetmeduni Vienna	2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Coffee Break	3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Coffee Break	Full-Day Excursion: Visit of Animal Training Center (ATC) in Styria	End of Summer School	
	4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Registration	3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.			
	5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Campus Tour	Insights into Training Methods (<i>Kati Kohoutek</i>)	Five Domains Model from Mellor (<i>Emma Bassan</i>)			
	6.30 p.m. – 7.15 p.m. Welcome and Introduction (<i>Team</i>)	4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. Parallel practical workshops ¹ (<i>Mare Bručan, Kati Kohoutek, Bina Lunzer</i>)	4.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Introduction of the Five Domains Model into Practice (<i>Emma Bassan</i>)			
	7.30 p.m. Joint Dinner	free	free		7 p.m. Joint Dinner	free

¹ Parallel practical workshops: Training of Guide Dogs for the Blind / Training of Service Dogs / Training of Signal Dogs

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