

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

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## 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**.

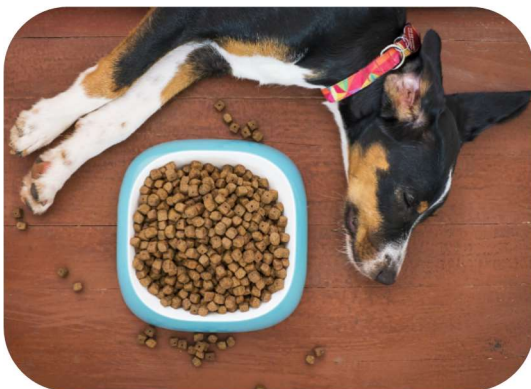
If you're passionate about **veterinary nutrition** and committed to helping **dogs, cats, or horses** reach their full **health** and **performance** potential, this opportunity may be ideal for you!

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## 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.

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## 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](#)



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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!