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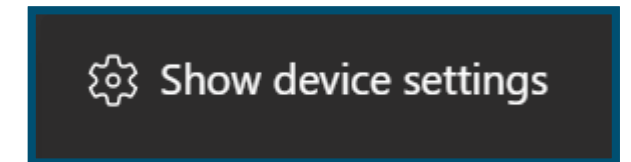
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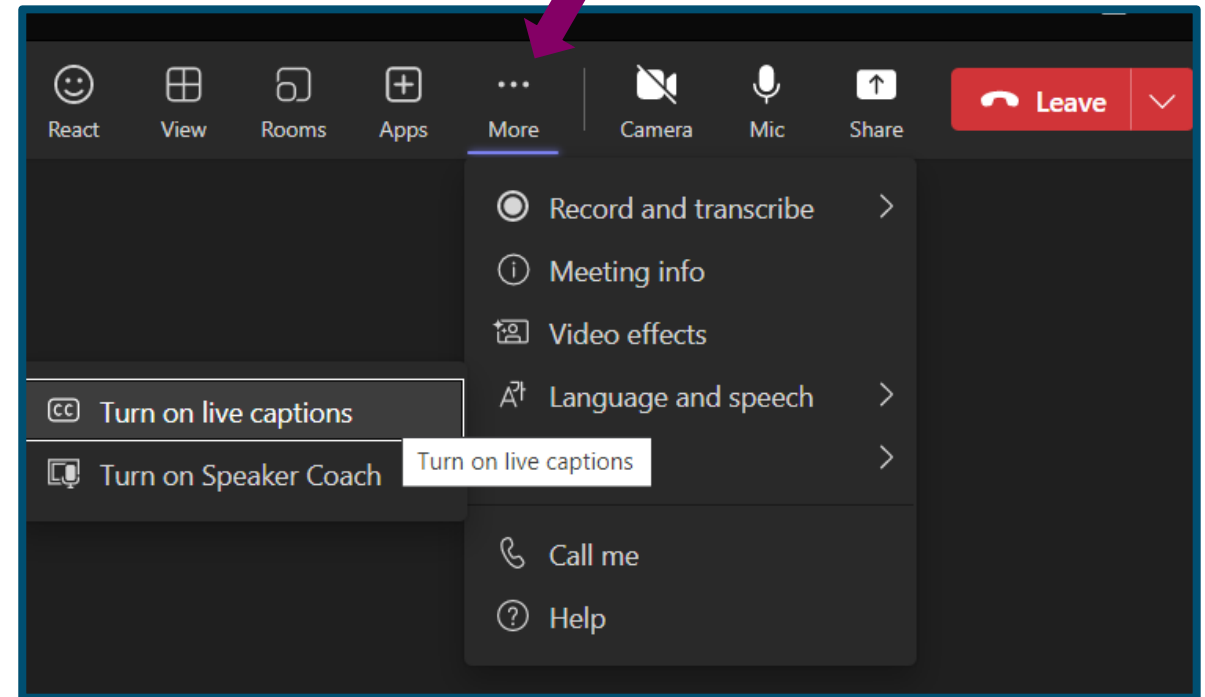


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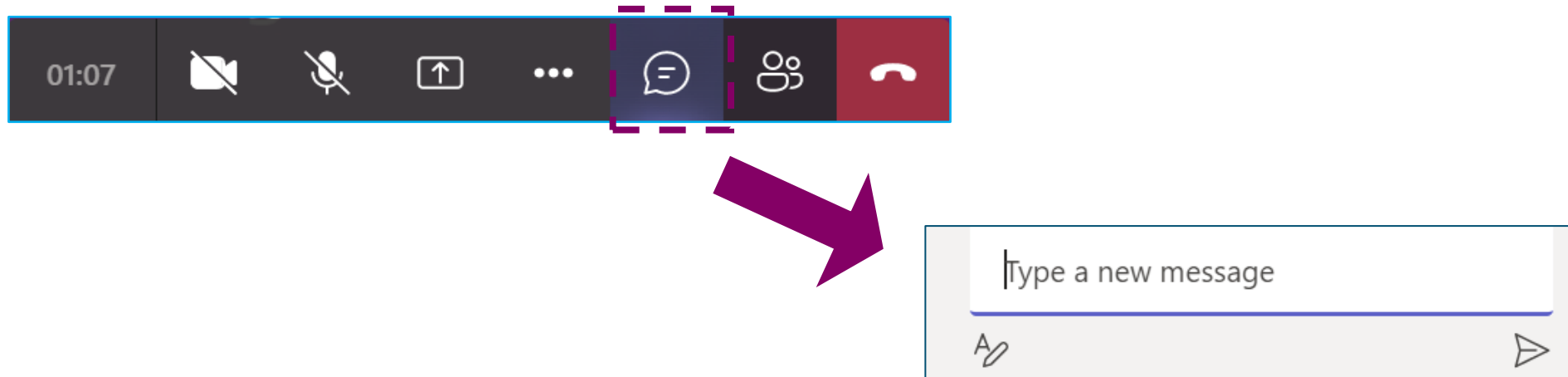
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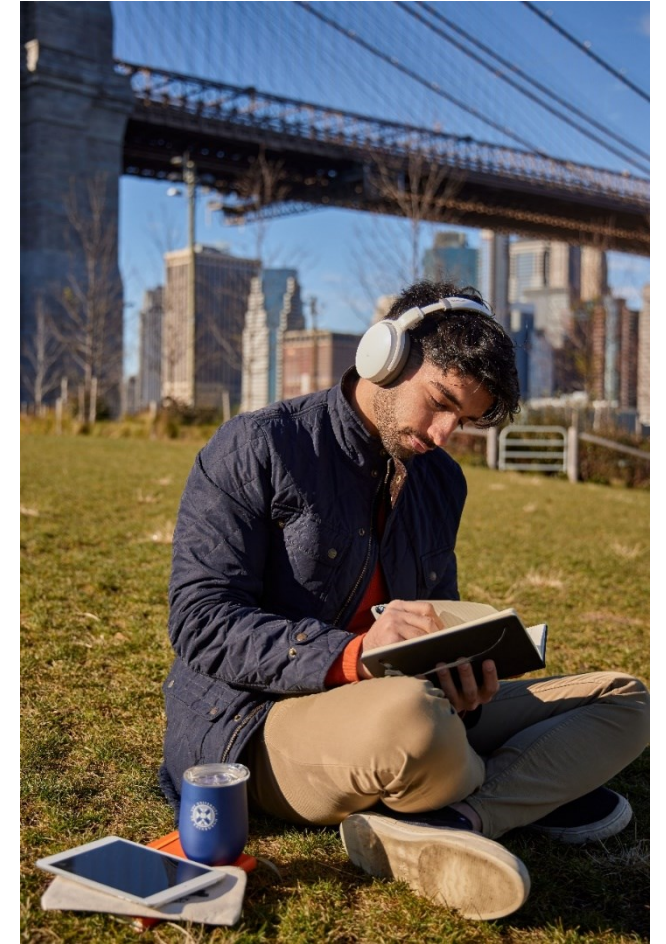
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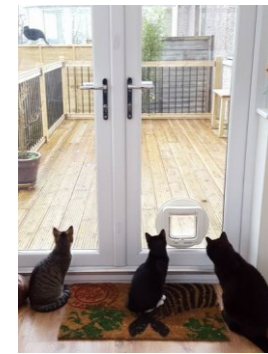


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MSc/Dip/Cert Clinical Animal Behaviour

- Programme Aims:
 - To provide an evidence based, multidisciplinary approach to explore and enhance knowledge in the growing field of clinical animal behaviour
 - To utilise the principles of ethology, psychology, neurobiology, veterinary science and pharmacology to critically evaluate the development and potential management/treatment of problem behaviours and behavioural disorders in companion animal species
- <https://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying/postgraduate/taught-programmes/clinical-animal-behaviour>



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- **Year 1 – 2 (PGCert)** consists of three courses
two compulsory and one elective (60 credits):
 - **Principles of Applied Animal Behaviour**
(compulsory)
 - **Clinical Animal Behaviour**
(compulsory)
 - **Anthrozoology**
(Elective - strongly recommended for those continuing onto Dip/MSc)
 - **or** choice of 2 other elective courses



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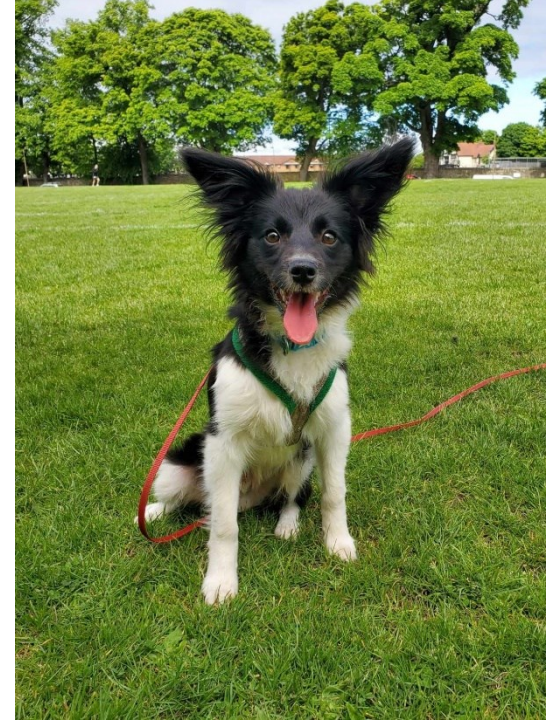
- **Year 2+ (PGDip)** consists of a further 60 credits including:
 - **Clinical Animal Behaviour in Practice (20 credits)**
(compulsory)
 - **Research Methods and Data Analysis (10 credits)**
- **Plus a further 30 credits** out of a choice of at least 4 courses depending on your areas of interest
- **Year 3+ (MSc)** consists of a written **dissertation** (60 credits)
This can be a short research project or extended literature review



MSc/Dip/Cert Clinical Animal Behaviour - Electives

- Captive and Free Ranging Wild Animal Welfare
- Equitation Science
- Animal Ethics Policy and Law
- Equine Behaviour and Welfare
- Equine Behavioural Medicine*
- International Animal Welfare Science
- International Cat and Dog Welfare
- Evidence Based Veterinary Medicine in Clinical Practice
- Ethics for Veterinary Clinicians and Researchers
- Chronic Pain and Advanced Analgesic Principles*
- Professional and Clinical Skills for Advanced Veterinary Practice*

* Prerequisite courses or qualifications



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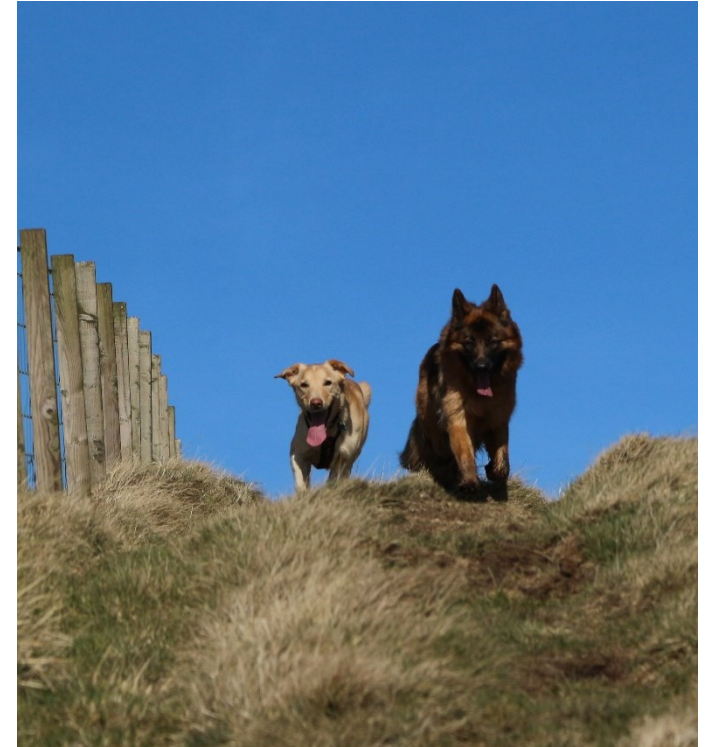
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- Flexible study means you can take 3 to 6 years to complete the programme but this also depends on student funding restrictions
- Certificate level must be completed within 2 years of starting, and Diploma level within 4 years
- Courses run at set times each year and each course must be completed within the 6 week (10 credits) or 12 week (20 credits) block
- Three 12 week terms starting September, January and April
- Dissertation must be completed in a single academic year, starting September and submitting in June



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- **Postgraduate Professional Development (PPD)**
 - **Up to 40 credits from Year 1 courses:**
 - Principles of Applied Animal Behaviour
 - Clinical Animal Behaviour
 - Anthrozoology
 - **Option to request transfer to PGCert/PGDip/MSc at later date** (subject to academic performance)



MSc/Dip/Cert Clinical Animal Behaviour Programme Tutors



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Teaching Methods

- Pre-recorded and live lectures
- Essential and further reading
- Case study presentations/discussion
- Case study role play exercises
- Debates and discussions



Assessment Methods

- Individual written reports and critical pieces
- Client focussed materials
- Individual presentations/video creations
- Multiple Choice Questions



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Entry Requirements

- A good university Honours Degree (first or 2:1 or equivalent: 3.25 GPA score in USA), with a biological background
- Demonstrable experience working with companion animals in a professional capacity



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Making the most of your application

- Tell us why you want to join the programme and how this fits with your future career plans and work/ academic history
- Tell us about relevant practical experience and relevant courses that you have completed
- Demonstrate that you are aware of the time commitment involved and that you have considered how you will manage this
 - 200 hours per 10 week (20 credit) course – 20 hours/ week



MSc/Dip/Cert Clinical Animal Behaviour

This programme will provide the academic knowledge to....

- Prepare you for a PhD
- Prepare you for a career working with animals in a variety of settings
- Meet the **academic** criteria for CCAB or CAB accreditation
- Has also been used towards successful accreditation as Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (ACAAB) by the Animal Behavior Society's Board of Professional Certification



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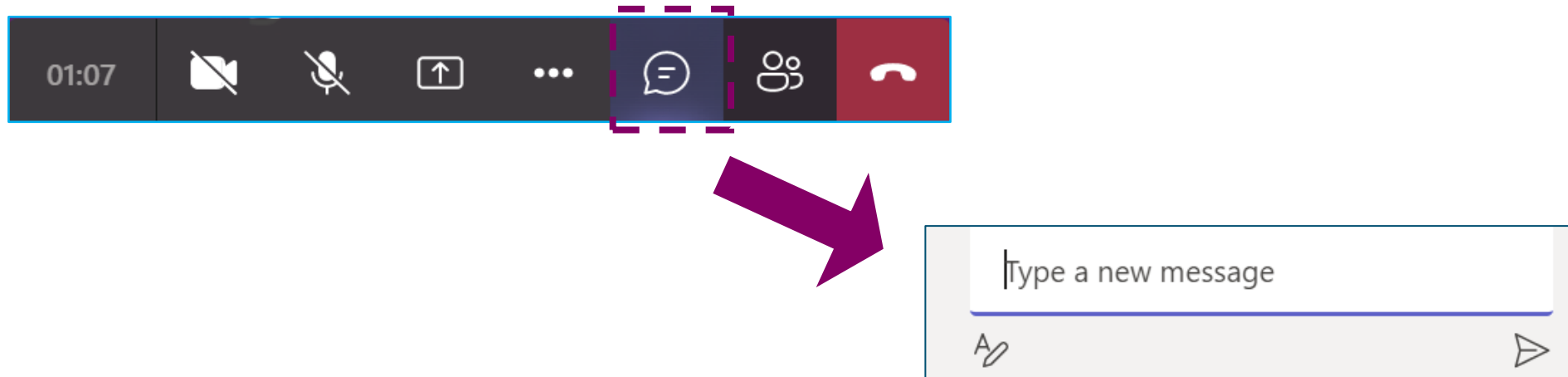


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Contact details for follow-up questions

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Thank you

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