

**Syllabus of the teaching course Breeding of companion animals (Allevamento degli animali da compagnia) of the integrated course Animal Productions I (Produzioni animali I) (2 CFU)**

Educational objectives of the course

The student must acquire the general knowledge related to the evaluation, food management and breeding of pets, with reference to the dog and the cat.

Acquired skills

- Evaluation of the main dog and cat breeds.
- Knowledge of the legislation concerning the breeding and well-being of dogs and cats.
- Knowledge of the methods of hygienic-sanitary management of kennels and catteries.
- Knowledge of the main genetically based diseases of dogs and cats

Lessons

Themes	Arguments	Hours	Total hours
Introductory lesson	Presentation and articulation of the course. Principles of canine morphology	1	1
Canine morphology and ethnology	General aspects of canine morphology. Morphological types in dogs. Subdivision of dog breeds according to F.C.I.	2	6
	Morpho-functional and comparative characteristics of the most widespread canine breeds in Italy and Europe	4	
Legislation and well-being	The legislation concerning the breeding and well-being of dogs and cats	2	2
Hygienic-sanitary management	Hygienic-sanitary management of kennels and catteries	2	2
The hereditary pathologies of dogs and cats	General information on the main genetically based diseases in dogs	2	6
	General information on the main genetically based diseases in cats	2	
	The hereditary pathologies of dogs and cats that depend on the diet	2	
Feline morphology and ethnology	Feline demography. Feline morphology and morphological types. Classification of feline breeds.	1	1
Practical part	Visit of a dog breeding kennel	6	6