

# Dr. Evangelos (Vangelis) DIAMANTAKOS, PhD, SFHEA

CLINICAL ANIMAL BEHAVIOURIST • EDUCATOR • RESEARCHER • CONSULTANT

## CREDENTIALS

### Academic

**PhD in Human - Animal Interactions**, Pedagogic Department of S.E., University of Thessaly, Greece

**Senior Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy**, United Kingdom

**Award in Education & Training**, United Kingdom

**MSc in Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling**, University of Southampton, United Kingdom

**PGDip in Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling**, University of Southampton, United Kingdom

**BSc (Hons) in Social Sciences with Psychological Studies**, Open University, United Kingdom

**HN Diploma in Economics**, Open University, United Kingdom

### Professional

**Clinical Animal Behaviourist Accreditation**, Association of Pet Behavior Counsellors, United Kingdom

**Registered Clinical Animal Behaviourist**, Animal Behaviour and Training Council, United Kingdom

**Military Working Dog Supervisor/Kennel master**, United States Air Force, United States

**Educational System Developer - Course Designer**, Hellenic Air Force, Greece

**Military Working Dog Trainer/Instructor**, Hellenic Air Force, Greece

**Military Working Dog Handler**, Hellenic Air Force, Greece

## CAREER HISTORY

**Society for Companion Animals Studies (SCAS)**, 2018 - Date

**Member of the Board of Trustees**

**Member of the Animal Assisted Services and Education Working Group**

**Freelance Clinical Animal Behaviourist, Educator, Researcher & Consultant**, 2016 - Date

Tailor made services provided to owners, businesses, organisations, pet charities, the Armed Forces and academia.

**City Unity College Nicosia**, 2024 - Date

**Visiting Associate Professor**: Canine Management Studies Programme

**Hartpury University**, 2022 - 2024

**Senior Lecturer in Canine Science and Programme Manager**: BSc Animal Training & Performance - BSc Canine Training & Performance.

**Bath Cats & Dogs Home, RSPCA Bath and District Branch**, 2019 - 2020

**Head of Animal Operations**. Leading the strategic and operational development of the Department. Line manager of the animal care, behaviour, intake, rehoming and vet coordinator teams. Responsible for the successful fulfilment of the wider animal welfare programmes in Bath Cats and Dogs Home – and outside in the local community.

**University Centre Reaseheath**, 2017-2019

**Lecturer and Course Manager**, BSc Clinical Canine Behaviour - FdSc Canine Behaviour & Training.

**Hellenic (Greek) Air Force (HAF)**, 1990– 2016

Head of the Military Working Dog Programme, Branch of Operations, HAF General Staff

Head of the Training Department, HAF National Military Working Dog Training Centre

Military Working Dog Supply Command Programme Manager

## EDUCATOR

- **Event Speaker**, All-party Parliamentary Dog Advisory Welfare Group, House of Commons, UK (2025).
- **Guest Lecturer**, BSc Animal Training & Performance - BSc Canine Training & Performance, Hartpury University, UK (2025).
- **Conference Speaker**, Virtual Conference, Society for Companion Animal Studies, UK (2024).
- **Workshop Presenter**, International Society of Anthrozoology Conference, Hartpury, UK (2024).
- **Seminar Lecturer**, Hellenic (Greek) Air Force Military Working Dog Training Centre, Greece (2024).
- **CPD Provider**, Cheltenham Animal Shelter (2023).
- **Conference Speaker**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference, Animal Behaviour and Welfare in Africa (2023).
- **Seminar Lecturer**, Veterinary School, University of Thessaly, Greece (2022).
- **Webinar Presenter**, Society for Companion Animal Studies, UK (May & July 2021).
- **CPD Provider**, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Clinical Animal Behaviour Team, UK (2020)
- **Seminar Lecturer**, Bath Cats and Dogs Home, UK (2020)
- **Conference Speaker**, Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, UK (2019)
- **Lecturer/Guest Lecturer**, University Centre Reaseheath, UK (2017- 2020)
- **Webinar Presenter**, Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, UK (2017)
- **Visiting lecturer**, Postgraduate Programme: Counselling in Special Education and Health, Pedagogic Department of Special Education, School of Human Sciences, University of Thessaly, Greece (2010 – 2012)
- **Seminar Lecturer**, Hellenic (Greek) Rescue Team, Dog Teams personnel (2011)
- **Seminar Lecturer**, Stray Dog Department, Municipality of the City of Athens (2011).
- **Military Instructor/Lecturer**, National Dog Training Centre, Hellenic (Greek) Air Force (2000-2005 and 2012-2014).

## ANIMAL ASSISTED SERVICES (FACILITATOR, DESIGNER, RESEARCHER) | 2008 – Date

**Kynos Nous Dog Assisted Interventions, Athens, Greece 2019-Date**

**University of Queensland, Animal Assisted Interventions Alliance, Australia 2017-Date**

**Melampous, Dog Assisted Interventions Multidisciplinary Team, Healthcare Directorate of Hellenic Air Force General Staff, Greece 2016 - Date**

**251 Air Force General Hospital, Psychiatric Clinic, Greece 2025 – Date**

**Child-psychiatric Department, General Child Hospital of Penteli, Greece 2018 - Date**

**18 ANO Men's Unit for Psychological Support and Drug Rehabilitation, Greece 2022 - 2024**

**Anagenisi, Parents and Friends' Society for People with Autism, Greece 2019 - 2020**

**Christodoulou Institution of Children Protection, Greece 2018 - 2019**

**Biomedical Research Foundation, Academy of Athens, Greece 2017-2019**

**251 Air Force General Hospital, Psychiatric Clinic, Greece 2016 - 2017**

**Campion British School of Athens, Greece 2015**

**Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders – Case Study, Greece 2015**

**Lycée Franco-Hellenique Eugene Delacroix (Ecole Maternelle), Greece 2012**

**Kastalia Psychiatric – Neurological Hospital, Greece 2011**

**Hatzikyriakio Institution of Children's Protection, Greece 2008**

## CURRICULUM & COURSE DESIGN

- **Course Design Evaluator** invited by the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (2024).
- Team Member of the **Course Recognition Accreditation** provided by the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC, UK) and **Curriculum Development** (2023-24). BSc Animal Behaviour and Training Clinical & BSc Animal Behaviour and Training Clinical (Canine), Hartpury University, United Kingdom.
- Lead on the **Course Recognition Accreditation** provided by the Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC, UK) and **Curriculum Development** (2022-23). BSc Animal Training and Performance & BSc Canine Animal Training and Performance, Hartpury University, United Kingdom.

- Team member of **Animal Trainer Instructor Apprenticeship Trailblazer Group** (2023-24), chaired by Colonel Mark Morrison (Chief Veterinary and Remount Officer, Ministry of Defence) and approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education, United Kingdom.
- **Curriculum Development Consulting** (2021). FdSc Canine Behaviour and Training – BSc Canine Clinical Behaviour. University Centre Reaseheath, United Kingdom.
- Diamantakos, E. (2005) **Instructional System Development for the Military Working Dog Trainers/Instructors**, Hellenic Air Force Publications, (in Greek).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books – Handbooks - Guidelines

- **IAHAIO international guidelines on care, training and welfare requirements for small animals in animal-assisted interventions.** (2021). International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations. (International Task Force of IAHAIO members).
- Diamantakos, E. (2020). **Selection & Training of Dogs for Animal Assisted Interventions.** In *Animal-Assisted Interventions for Health & Human Service Professionals*. Driscoll, C.J. (Ed). Nova Science Publishers, NY: New York
- **Animal - Assisted Interventions: SCAS code of practice for the UK.** (2019). Society for Companion Animal Studies, UK. (writing team member).
- **Minimum Standards for the Conduct of Animal – Assisted Interventions** (2019). University of Queensland, Animal – Assisted Interventions Alliance, Queensland, Australia. (writing team member)
- Warrant Officer Diamantakos, E. (ed), Staff Sergeant Kyritsis, C., Staff Sergeant Papageorgiou, S., (2016). **Handbook of the Military Working Dog Instructor.** Athens: Hellenic Air Force Publications (in Greek).
- Diamantakos, E. (2015) **Κυνός...Νους** [Kynos...Nous] (free translation: *Dog's mind*), Athens: psyhalos pbl (in Greek).
- Master Sergeant Diamantakos, E. (2005). **Handbook of Military Dogs Behaviour.** Athens: Hellenic Air Force Publications (in Greek).

### Standing Order

- Hellenic Air Force General Staff (2015) **(Training and Evaluation of the Military Working Dogs) (Cmnd 3-5-15)** Hellenic Air Force Publications (in Greek).

### Research

- Diamantakos, E., Chaniotakis, I. (2024) **Human – Animal Relationship through the Ages, Animal Assisted Intervention Programmes and the Role of Animals in Child Development.** *Open Access Library Journal*, 11: e11277.
- Kleftaras, G., Diamantakos, E. (2024). **The Effect of a Dog Assisted Activity Programme on Elementary Students' Self-esteem.** *International Journal of Caring Sciences*, 17(1), pp.323-335.
- Kleftaras, G., Diamantakos, E. (2024). **Dog Assisted Activities and their effect on the depression of elementary students.** *Psychology*, 15, pp. 1-15.
- Chaniotakis, I., Diamantakos, E., Tetradi, E., Harokopou, A., Koutrias, A., Papageorgiou, E., Kontarini, A., Chari, A., Haralampopoulos, H. (2021). **Introducing a Canine-Assisted Intervention Programme into Group Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescents in a Greek Hospital Institution.** *International Journal of Child Development and Mental Health*, 9(2), 27-35.
- Chaniotakis, I., Diamantakos, E., Tetradi, E., Papageorgiou, E., Haralampopoulos, H. (2019). **Implementation of an Animal Assisted Intervention Program into a General Hospital's Psychiatric Clinic for First Time in Greece.** *Archives A.P.P.A.C.*, vol 25 (4), pp. 14-17.
- Chaniotakis, I., Diamantakos, E., Mantziaras, G., Manousoudakis, A., Kostomitsopoulos, N. (2018). **Improving Military Dogs' Welfare: Is there a Place for Handlers' Beliefs and Perceptions?** *Society & Animals*, Vol. 26 (4)
- Lieutenant Haniotakis, Y. Chief Master Sergeant Diamantakos, E. (2013) **Listing the possible factors that influence the Welfare of the Military Working Dogs serving in the Hellenic Air Force.** Hellenic Air Force Supply Command (in Greek).

### Articles

- Diamantakos E. (2025) An Unbreakable Chain. Ready2Board (Green Issue), Athens International Airport magazine. <https://www.digital.2board.gr/green-issue-sep-nov.../page-77>
- Diamantakos E. (2022) **Some Late Autumn Thoughts About Pet Cat Environmental Enrichment.** [https://katzenworld.co.uk/2022/11/21/some-late-autumn-thoughts-about-pet-cat-environmental-enrichment-by-vangelis-diamantakos-from-the-society-for-companion-animal-studies-scas/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR1OwhJUdZm3vS\\_eCmG27LxbYm\\_1mph7XtII9EhAigpiPVgGr\\_CAolul7us\\_aem\\_AWl-nJ6qWjDx3ZRdKR-jIMc1aNN0OhDOnApv8AP-phVeoXu0i8UL\\_vNkp5HN0T6l-MVc5efHIE22sEmuC14to5X](https://katzenworld.co.uk/2022/11/21/some-late-autumn-thoughts-about-pet-cat-environmental-enrichment-by-vangelis-diamantakos-from-the-society-for-companion-animal-studies-scas/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR1OwhJUdZm3vS_eCmG27LxbYm_1mph7XtII9EhAigpiPVgGr_CAolul7us_aem_AWl-nJ6qWjDx3ZRdKR-jIMc1aNN0OhDOnApv8AP-phVeoXu0i8UL_vNkp5HN0T6l-MVc5efHIE22sEmuC14to5X)
- Diamantakos E. (2020) **Separation related behavioural issues: Behavioural and training tips for the prevention or management of potential separation anxiety problems linked to COVID19 isolation.** Society for Companion Animal Studies. <http://www.scas.org.uk/separation-related-behavioural-issues-behavioural-and-training-tips-for-the-prevention-or-management-of-potential-separation-anxiety-problems-linked-to-covid19-isolation/>
- Diamantakos, E. (2014) **Alternative treatment of mental health problems. Animal Assisted Therapy/Activity**, Panathinaiki Women's Association of South Africa, Bilingual periodical publication. South Africa
- Chief Master Sergeant Diamantakos, E. (2014) **The military dog. Past, present, and future.** Aviation Review Magazine, Hellenic Air Force. (in Greek)
- Diamantakos, E. (2011) **New horizons in Greece, Animal-Assisted-Activities**, The Society for Companion Animal Studies Journal, UK.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Chaniotakis, I., Diamantakos, E., McCune, S. (2024). **"Melampous Dog Assisted Interventions Multidisciplinary Team (Greece) and Animal Assisted Interventions Code of Practice Issued by the Society for Companion Animal Studies (UK)."** 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of the International Society of Anthrozoology, Hartpury, UK.
- Kleftras, G., Diamantakos, E., Chaniotakis, I. (2020). **"Effects of Dog Assisted Activity on the Self-esteem and Depressive Symptomatology of 9 to 11 Year Old Elementary Students in Greece."** 29<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Society of Anthrozoology, Liverpool, UK.
- Diamantakos E. (2019). **"Dog Staff Behavioural Change as a Means Of Promoting Welfare in Welfare in Shelter/Kenned Dogs."** Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, Annual Conference, Kettering, UK.
- Diamantakos, E. Haniotakis, Y. Tetradi, E. Papageorgiou E. Kleftras G. (2017) **"The effects of a Dog Assisted Therapy Programme in Autism, Bipolar Disorder and Psychosis in Three Different Case Studies in the Psychiatric Clinic of a Military Hospital."** 16<sup>th</sup> Pan-Hellenic Conference of Psychological Study, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- Diamantakos, E. Kleftras, G. (2016) **"Dog Assisted Activities in elementary school in Greece. Effects on the students' self-esteem, school progress, adaptation and depressive symptomatology."** International Society of Anthrozoology conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- Diamantakos, E. Kleftras, G. (2016) **"Application of Animal Assisted Activity Programme in the Primary Education: Effects on progress, adaptation, self-esteem and depression symptomatology."** 6<sup>th</sup> Pan-Hellenic Congress of Counselling Psychology, Athens, Greece.
- Diamantakos, E. (2015) **"Animal Assisted Activities/Therapies Programmes in Greece."** 5<sup>o</sup> Pan-Hellenic Congress of Autism, Piraeus, Greece.
- Mamuna, A. Diamantakos, E. (2015) **"Application of Animal Assisted Therapy Programme for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders – Case Study."** 5<sup>o</sup> Pan-Hellenic Congress of Autism, Piraeus, Oral Presentation.
- Haniotakis, Y. Diamantakos, E. Manousoudakis A. Matziaras, G. Giannarakos, G. (2013) **"The Beliefs of Military Working Dog Personnel as a Means to Identify Possible Welfare Factors that Influence Military Working Dogs of the Hellenic Air Force."** 10<sup>th</sup> Pan-Hellenic Conference of Small Animal Veterinary, Athens, Greece.

- Diamantakos, E. Kleftaras, G. (2012) ***“The effects of Animal Assisted Activities Programmes on the mental health, school performance and adaptation in the school environment of kindergarten pupils.*** 4<sup>th</sup> Pan-Hellenic Congress of Counselling Psychology, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- Diamantakos, E. Kleftaras, G. (2011) ***“Animal Assisted Activities/Therapies Programmes as an alternative option of managing psychological health problems.”*** 3<sup>rd</sup> seminar of autistic disorders ΕΨΥΠΕΑ, Book of Abstracts, p. 32, Messologi, Greece.
- McBride, E Anne; Diamantakos, Evangelos; Viney, Debbie (2010) ***“Effects of animal assisted activity on 7-11 year old girls in institutional care in Greece.”*** 12<sup>th</sup> International Association of Human Animal Interaction Organisations (IAHAIO) conference, Abstract Book, p. 89, Stockholm, Sweden.

## TV – RADIO – MAGAZINE - WEBSITE INTERVIEWS

- VICE (UK), 2/7/2020. **Inside the UK’s Lockdown Puppy Boom**  
[https://www.vice.com/en\\_uk/article/akzkbj/why-everyone-wants-puppy-in-lockdown?fbclid=IwAR2cPqvhEoMWmmjLl1F1NfeKzXzZlo-FN1ISW3TOAt0gGc0CrQZVpvvKe6U](https://www.vice.com/en_uk/article/akzkbj/why-everyone-wants-puppy-in-lockdown?fbclid=IwAR2cPqvhEoMWmmjLl1F1NfeKzXzZlo-FN1ISW3TOAt0gGc0CrQZVpvvKe6U)
- SKAI (Greek), 2/3/2017. **Now (TV programme), Presentation of the first Dog Assisted Therapy programme/research in Greece held in a Hospital setting**  
<http://download.skai.gr/201703/video/melabus20170203.mp4>
- K MAGAZINE, (in Greek), n.716, 19/02/17 **Dog Assisted Therapies**
- ERT (Greek) 2/11/2016, Absolute Relevant (Radio Programme), **Human – Animal Interaction Study in the 6<sup>th</sup> Pan-Hellenic Congress of Counselling Psychology** <https://www.ertnews.gr/eidiseis/ellada/kinonia/o-v-diamantakos-mila-gia-ti-symvouleftiki-axia-ton-zoon-audio/>
- SKAI (Greek), 18/10/2014, **Like the Dog with the Cat (TV programme), Presentation of Dog Assisted Activities Programme as part of research for PhD thesis** <https://youtu.be/R7tUGX0CXGw>
- BHMASCIENCE (in Greek), 6/10/2013, <http://www.tovima.gr/science/article/?aid=533439>
- BHMASCIENCE (in Greek), 22/05/2011, <http://www.tovima.gr/science/article/?aid=401673>

## MEMBERSHIPS

Animal Assisted Interventions Alliance, University of Queensland, Australia  
 Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, UK  
 Kynos Nous, Dog Assisted Interventions, Athens, Greece  
 Society for Companion Animal Studies, UK