

EVANGELOS (VANGELIS) DIAMANTAKOS

FREELANCE DOG BEHAVIOUR TRAINING WELFARE EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
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SUMMARY

My extensive experience in dog behaviour, training, welfare, operations and management enables me to supply unique consulting and/or managerial services to small, medium and large companies/organisations who provide dog orientated services.

A profound understanding of pet owners/staff needs in combination with my qualifications, knowledge and experience guarantees the best choice for all those looking for innovation, creativity, improvement and quantifiable results. The spectrum of consulting services I provide is very wide, encompassing areas such as nonprofit organisations, charities, universities, educational institutions, public/private sector, retail companies and private/national security.

I can lead on projects and/or provide consulting services in the areas of:

- Organisational, Operational and Educational Design and Management. Standardisation and Evaluation
- Personnel Training
- Animal Assisted Interventions Programmes
- Animal Behaviour, Training, Welfare and Management
- Course Design
- Researches
- Lectures (Universities – Educational Institutions)
- Workshops Seminars and Webinars
- Authoring Books – Handbooks

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CAREER HISTORY

Research Fellow 2017-Date

Biomedical Research Foundation, Academy of Athens, (<http://www.bioacademy.gr/?lang=en>) Greece

Freelance Consultant 2000 - Date

Ministry of Agriculture, Direction of Animal Protection, (<http://www.minagric.gr/>) Greece 2016 - Date

Municipality of Athens (www.cityofathens.gr), Greece 2016 - Date

Dogstrust (www.dogstrust.org.uk), United Kingdom 2016

Animalbehaviour (www.animalbehaviour.gr), Greece 2009 - Date

Argos Dog Club (www.argosdogclub.gr), Greece 2000 - Date

Hellenic (Greek) Air Force (HAF) (www.haf.gr) | 1990– 2016

Head Manager Military Working Dog Programme, Branch of Operations, HAF General Staff (2014-2106)

Head of Training Department, National Military Working Dog Training Centre (2012-2104)

Programme Manager, Military Working Dogs, HAF Supply Command (2010-2012)

Kennel Master/Supervisor, various HAF Bases (2005-2010)

Military Working Dog Trainer/Instructor, National Military Working Dog Training Centre (1999-2005)

Military Working Dog Operational Handler, HAF Bases (1990-1999)

ANIMAL ASSISTED INTERVENTIONS (ACTIVITIES, THERAPIES, EDUCATION) PROGRAMMES | 2008 – Date

251 Air Force General Hospital (www.haf.gr/en/structure/units/gna/) September 2016 - Date

Campion British School of Athens (www.campion.edu.gr/) October – December 2015

Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders – Case Study May - June 2015

Lycee Franco-Hellenique Eugene Delacroix (Ecole Maternelle) (www.lfh.edu.gr) April – June 2012

Kastalia Psychiatric – Neurological Hospital (www.kastaliaclinic.gr/) June – August 2011

Hatzikyriakio Institution of Children's Protection (<http://www.xatzikiriakio.gr/>) May – June 2008

LECTURING EXPERIENCE | 2000 – Date

- **Webinar Lecturer** SHELTER/KENNELED DOGS (PART I): OPTIMISING DOG – STAFF INTERACTION (expected 04/07/2017), Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, UK <http://www.apbc.org.uk/events>
- **Visiting lecturer** of the Postgraduate Programme: Counselling in Special Education and Health, Pedagogic Department of Special Education, School of Human Sciences, University of Thessaly, Greece (2010 – date). (<http://www.sed.uth.gr/index.php/gr/studies-postgraduate/msc-counselling>)
- **Seminar Lecturer** of Hellenic (Greek) Rescue Team, Dog Teams personnel (2011) and Stray Dog Department, Municipality of the City of Athens (2011).
- **Military Instructor/Lecturer** in dog behaviour & training in the National Dog Training Centre, Hellenic (Greek) Air Force. (2000 – 2016).

COURSE DESIGN

- Diamantakos E. (in progress) provisional title ***Dog – Handler Teams in Animal Assisted Interventions (Therapy, Education, Activity)***. E-course (in English)
- Diamantakos, E. (2005) ***Instructional System Development for the Military Working Dog Trainers/Instructors***, Hellenic Air Force Publications, (in Greek).

PUBLICATIONS

Books -Handbooks

- Diamantakos, E. (in press). ***A New Start' Advice for the new owners of the stray dog adoption programme***. Athens: Municipality of Athens, (in Greek).
- 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...Νούς*** [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

- 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. (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.
- Diamantakos, E. (2011) ***New horizons in Greece, Animal-Assisted-Activities***, The Society for Companion Animal Studies Journal, UK.

PRESENTATIONS

- 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."*** 16th Pan-Hellenic Conference of Psychological Study, Thessaloniki, Greece, Poster Presentation.
- 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, Oral Presentation.

- Diamantakos, E. Kleftharas, G. (2016) **“Application of Animal Assisted Activity Programme in the Primary Education: Effects on progress, adaptation, self-esteem and depression symptomatology.”** 6th Pan-Hellenic Congress of Counselling Psychology, Athens, Greece, Oral Presentation.
- Diamantakos, E. (2015) **“Animal Assisted Activities/Therapies Programmes in Greece.”** 5^o Pan-Hellenic Congress of Autism, Piraeus, Oral Presentation.
- Mamuna, A. Diamantakos, E. (2015) **“Application of Animal Assisted Therapy Programme for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders – Case Study.”** 5^o 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.”** 10th Pan-Hellenic Conference of Small Animal Veterinary, Athens, Greece, Oral Presentation.
- Diamantakos, E. Kleftharas, G. (2012) **“The effects of Animal Assisted Activities Programmes on the mental health, school performance and adaptation in the school environment of kindergarten pupils.** 4th Pan-Hellenic Congress of Counselling Psychology, Thessaloniki, Greece, Oral Presentation.
- Diamantakos, E. Kleftharas, G. (2011) **“Animal Assisted Activities/Therapies Programmes as an alternative option of managing psychological health problems.”** 3rd seminar of autistic disorders ΕΨΥΠΕΑ, Book of Abstracts, p. 32, Messologi, Greece, Oral Presentation.
- McBride, E Anne; Diamantakos, Evangelos; Viney, Debbie (2010) **“Effects of animal assisted activity on 7-11 year old girls in institutional care in Greece.”** 12th International Association of Human Animal Interaction Organisations (IAHAIO) conference, Abstract Book, p. 89, Stockholm, Sweden, Oral Presentation.

CREDENTIALS

Academic Qualifications

PhD candidate, University of Thessaly, Greece (2011 – date)

MSc in Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling, University of Southampton, United Kingdom (2009)

PGDip in Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling, University of Southampton, United Kingdom (2007)

BSc Hons in Social Sciences with Psychological Studies, Open University, United Kingdom (2007)

Diploma in Economics, Open University, United Kingdom (2001)

Canine Qualifications

Military Working Dog Supervisor/Kennelmaster, United States of America, Air Force (2003)

Military Working Dog Trainer/Instructor, Hellenic Air Force, Greece (2000)

Military Working Dog Handler, Hellenic Air Force, Greece (1990)

MAGAZINE INTERVIEWS

- K MAGAZINE (in Greek), 19/02/17
- 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>

TV – RADIO INTERVIEWS

- 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>
- ERT (Greek) 2/11/2016, *Absolute Relevant (Radio Programme)*, **Human – Animal Interaction Study in the 6th Pan-Hellenic Congress of Counselling Psychology** <http://www.ert.gr/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>

OTHER ACTIVITIES / TRAINING

- Observed the puppy program of the US Air Force directed by Dr. Steward Hilliard, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio TX, USA.
- Visited and briefed on issues regarding the organisation and operation of departments with dogs in military and police units, pet charities and dog clubs in the U.S.A., Germany and the UK.