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## CREDENTIALS

### *Academic*

**PhD candidate**, University of Thessaly, Greece

**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 Behaviour Counsellors, United Kingdom

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

**Military Working Dog Supervisor/Kennelmaster**, United States of America, Air Force

**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)** <http://www.scas.org.uk/> 2018 - Date

Member of the Board of Trustees

### **Bath Cats & Dogs Home, RSPCA Bath and District Branch** [www.bathcatsanddogshome.org.uk/](http://www.bathcatsanddogshome.org.uk/) 2019 - 2020

Head of Animal Operations

### **University Centre Reaseheath** (<https://ucreaseheath.ac.uk>) 2017-2019

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

### **Hellenic (Greek) Air Force (HAF)** ([www.haf.gr](http://www.haf.gr)) 1990– 2016

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

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

Military Working Dog Supply Command Programme Manager

Military Working Dog Kennel Master

Military Working Dog Trainer/Instructor

Military Working Dog Handler

### **Freelance Consultant** ([www.evangelosdiamantakos.gr](http://www.evangelosdiamantakos.gr)) 2016 – Date

**Ministry of Agriculture, Direction of Animal Protection**, Greece

**Municipality of Athens**, Greece

**Dogstrust**, United Kingdom

### **Clinical Animal Behaviourist and Dog Trainer** 1994 - Date

**Freelance Canine Behaviourist and Trainer**, United Kingdom

**Animalbehaviour** ([www.animalbehaviour.gr](http://www.animalbehaviour.gr)), Greece

**Argos Dog Club** ([www.argosdogclub.gr](http://www.argosdogclub.gr)), Greece

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

Kynos Nous Dog Assisted Interventions, Athens, Greece ([www.kynosnous.gr](http://www.kynosnous.gr)) 2019-Date  
University of Queensland, AAIA, (<https://shrs.uq.edu.au/animal-assisted-interventions-alliance>) 2017-Date  
Biomedical Research Foundation, Academy of Athens, (<http://www.bioacademy.gr/?lang=en>) 2017-Date  
251 Air Force General Hospital ([www.haf.gr/en/structure/units/gna/](http://www.haf.gr/en/structure/units/gna/)) September 2016 - Date  
Campion British School of Athens ([www.campion.edu.gr/](http://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](http://www.lfh.edu.gr)) April – June 2012  
Kastalia Psychiatric – Neurological Hospital ([www.kastaliaclicin.gr/](http://www.kastaliaclicin.gr/)) June – August 2011  
Hatzikyriakio Institution of Children’s Protection (<http://www.xatzikiriakio.gr/>) May – June 2008

## EDUCATOR

- **CPD Speaker**, 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 Speaker**, Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, UK (2017)
- **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 – 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).

## COURSE DESIGN

- Member of the modules’ designing team (Project in progress). Provisional titles: ***Dog Behaviour and Training. Welfare and Ethics in Animal Assisted Interventions (Therapy, Education, Activity)***. The Open University of the Netherlands and International Association of Human Animal Interactions Organisations, E-courses (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. (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...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

- 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. (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

- Kleftharas, 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 School 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 Shelter/Kenned Dogs.** Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, Annual Conference, Kettering, UK.
- Diamantakos, E. Haniotakis, Y. Tetradi, E. Papageorgiou E. Kleftharas 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. Kleftharas, 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. Kleftharas, 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. 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.** 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** <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>
- 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 Councillors, UK  
 Kynos Nous, Dog Assisted Interventions, Athens, Greece  
 Society for Companion Animal Studies, UK