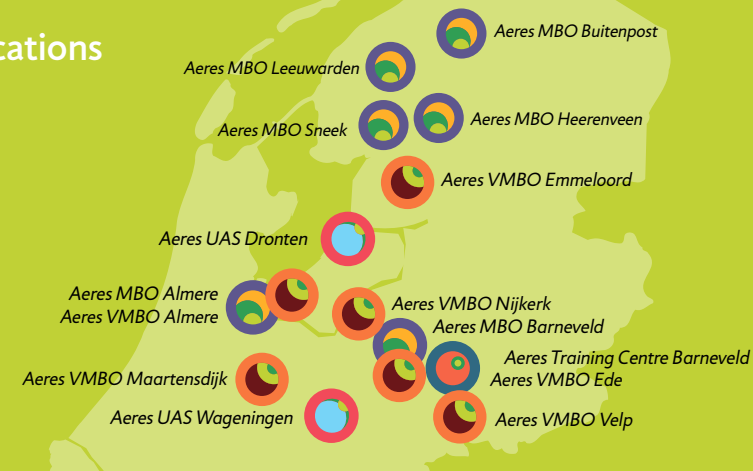


Our world of Companion Animals

More than half of Dutch households have one or more companion animals. Good animal care and animal health strengthens the bond between people and animals. Aeres combines education and research with unique practical facilities, resulting in a broad range of education options relating to companion animal health, care and welfare. By working closely with the business community, our students do their learning in the context of the sector in which they will find employment.



Teaching locations



Training courses and levels

Pre-vocational secondary professional education electives

- Animal & Welfare
- Keeping animals
- Fish stock management and recreational fishing

Vocational education courses

Level 2:

- Animal care worker

Level 3:

- Skilled animal care worker

Level 4:

- Animal care manager
- (standard and as a Sprint course)
- Paraveterinary worker
- (standard and as a Sprint course)

Higher professional education: Associate degree

- Veterinary practice manager

Higher professional education: Bachelor

- Animal health and management
- Companion animal
- Teacher and knowledge manager
- Accelerated course Green sector teacher and knowledge manager (teaching qualification in one year)

Courses and training

- Para-veterinarian
- 'Besluit dierhouders' (Regulation animal keepers, several directions)
- Dog grooming
- Canine instructor
- Horse massage
- Animal physiotherapy



Student numbers

 Vocational education
± 1.690
students

 Higher professional education
± 360
students

 Courses and training
± 1.400
per year



International Internal and external practical facilities

External practical facilities

- Petting zoos
- Catteries
- Kennels and other animal boarding facilities
- Practical sites with own classrooms

Internal practical facilities

- Aquariums
- Reptile house
- Outdoor rabbit run with nesting tunnels

- Pet supply shop
- Poultry and pigeon coop
- Various other animal pens
- Garden for waterfowl
- Aviary and indoor garden with various exotic birds
- Paraveterinary Training Centre
- Alpaca meadow
- Goat meadow and pen
- Cattery and kennels
- Meadow for ungulates (hoofed animals)
- Ungulate pen
- Various practical rooms
- Assistance and guide dog house (in collaboration with Hulphond Nederland)

Aeres MBO Barneveld and Aeres Training Centre Barneveld both hold a zoo licence, so they have access to exotic species and a wide range of different animals.



Research

- **Research group**
Human-Animal Interactions
- **Occupational skills development group**
Animal welfare (in formation)

Activities

Amongst other things:

- Animal expert
- Animal talent lessons
- Running the Assistance Dog house
- Annual Pet Monitor: a report on the current trends and developments in the companion animal sector
- Visits to Interzoo
- Animal Care App: all animal care information and instructions completely in real time
- Participation in Skills Heroes

International

International internships:

- Around 30% of Aeres MBO Almere
- Around 15% of Aeres MBO Barneveld
- Around 5% van Nordwin College levels 1&2
- Around 5% van Nordwin College levels 3&4
- Around 10% of Aeres University of Applied Sciences Wageningen
- 100% of Aeres University of Applied Sciences Dronten










International activities and collaborations:

- Annual field trips for Aeres MBO Almere students to Indonesia, Uganda, Costa Rica, France, Germany and England
- A collaboration with Odisee University of Applied Sciences (Belgium)
- KA2 project Vocational Education and Training for Veterinary Nurses (VET4VN)
- Partnership projects with partners in Indonesia, Uganda, Costa Rica
- In addition to the national paraveterinary sprint course, MBO Barneveld offers an international version with some of the lessons and internships taking place in England
- A collaboration with UWEC (Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre) and the Wanicare Foundation (Indonesia)
- Agriculture Technical Vocational Education and Training (ATVET) studies
- European-level educational co-operation between educational institutions and the business community



Collaborations

Amongst others:

-  Hulphond Nederland
-  Prins Petfoods
-  Quiebus dog training schools
-  Dutch Association for Animal Physiotherapists
-  Dibevo
-  Digiredo
-  Dutch Pet Food Industry (NVG)
-  HAS University of Applied Sciences Den Bosch
-  Intensive regional co-operation with the business community

