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REVIEW **of the Educational and Scientific Programme of the Third (Educational and Scientific) Level** **of Higher Education** **in the Specialty “Veterinary Medicine”** **of Sumy National Agrarian University**

The educational and scientific programme in the specialty “Veterinary Medicine”, implemented at Sumy National Agrarian University, is aimed at training Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidates who are capable of conducting independent scientific research, pedagogical activities, and professional practice in the field of veterinary medicine.

The programme has been developed in accordance with the requirements of the Law of Ukraine “On Higher Education” and the recommendations of the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance. It is focused on addressing current and relevant challenges in veterinary medicine arising in the practical activities of veterinary professionals, agricultural enterprises, laboratories, and regulatory and control services. The structure of the educational and scientific programme is logically designed and provides an appropriate balance between the educational and research components, which together ensure the achievement of the stated learning outcomes. The educational component of the programme is aimed at forming profound theoretical knowledge in veterinary medicine, developing the ability to critically analyse modern scientific sources, and acquiring skills in planning, organising, and conducting scientific research. The research component of the programme involves the implementation of an individual scientific study on actual problems of veterinary medicine, oriented toward obtaining scientifically sound and practically significant results.

The programme learning outcomes ensure the acquisition of competencies necessary for generating new scientific knowledge in the field of veterinary medicine, conducting interdisciplinary research, and implementing research results in practical professional activities.

The learning outcomes are relevant and meet the current needs of the veterinary sector as well as the expectations of employers. The implementation of the programme is supported by academic and scientific staff with appropriate qualifications and sufficient experience in research and teaching activities. The material and technical resources of the university and the faculty provide appropriate conditions for conducting dissertation research and ensuring high-quality training of PhD candidates. The educational and scientific programme has a clear focus on training highly qualified scientific personnel for the field of veterinary medicine, combines fundamental research with the practical needs of the sector, and provides opportunities for testing and implementing research results under practical conditions.

The programme is implemented in compliance with the principles of academic integrity.

Overall, the educational and scientific programme of the third level of higher education in the specialty “Veterinary Medicine”, implemented at Sumy National Agrarian University, is relevant, scientifically grounded, and ensures high-quality training of Doctors of Philosophy capable of independent scientific and professional activity.

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