



Certificate in Animal Welfare

Course Guide



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Turn your love for animals into a meaningful career that makes a difference

Learn how to manage animal welfare and health for pets, wildlife or farm animals via distance education.

Animal welfare services provide several career opportunities for people wishing to make a positive difference in the welfare of pets, ranging from 'on the ground' jobs such as animal welfare inspectors or rescue officers to 'behind the scenes' jobs such as marketing and fundraising.

Many people who care about animals contemplate turning this passion into a career. Having a passion and love for animals is important, but if you are considering a career in Animal Welfare, education and experience will provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills to work in this industry.

Perfect for animal lovers looking to make a tangible difference to the protection and care of animals.





About us

Careers Collectiv is about practical education with a focus on providing courses relevant to real life.

We help you gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to try a new career path, broaden your professional development, start a new business or explore a passion and deepen your understanding in a special interest.

Careers Collectiv was founded by a family who are passionate about providing quality education, accessibility for everyone and the flexibility to work at your own pace and in your own time. They have over a decade of experience in the online education sector after establishing a college specialising in the beauty industry.

Our teachers

We only use teachers who are active in their specialised industry. Learn from people who have first-hand experience in their subject matter and current industry expertise. Staff come from varied backgrounds with teaching and vocational experience from universities and vocational colleges.

Courses provide flexible options for different career pathways, self-improvement, professional development and general adult education.

We give our students the skills, tools and structure to learn in real life situations without compromising on academic excellence.



Recognition

All Careers Collectiv courses come with a certificate of attainment upon completion.

Our courses are accredited with the International Approval and Registration Centre (IARC), a non-profit association providing a quality control system for education programs and courses in international education.



Certificate in Animal Welfare

Start working for the protection of animals

Reinforce your love of animals with a qualification and take that first step towards a career in the care and welfare of animals. Developed in response to industry demand, the Certificate in Animal Welfare will teach you the theory and practice of animal welfare – wildlife, pets and farm animals.

Receive a strong foundation with a module focused on animal health care to give you a head start with additional knowledge about common health problems, animal behaviours and other health topics that are typically found in a veterinary assistant's course.

Who is the course for?

This course is designed for students with no previous experience in animal welfare or animal welfare workers looking to upskill. It's perfect for anyone passionate about animals, who want to learn the skills for career opportunities in the protection and wellbeing of domestic or wild animals.



2 modules



200 hours

This course has 2 main core modules:

- Animal Health Care
- Animal Welfare





Learn from experts in their field who guide you to see, do, think and experience learning on your own terms and at your own pace.

A well rounded learning experience

The Certificate in Animal Welfare gives you a deep understanding of the work in animal welfare as well as a sound foundation in animal health care. Included in the course is a free elective module where you can choose a diverse range of specialties to give you broader knowledge and qualifications.

This course provides the tools you need to educate and inform the community about animal welfare and how it's implemented. Turn your love for animals into a career that helps make genuine changes and improvements for animals.

Assignments

Each lesson in your course modules culminate in an assignment which is submitted online, marked by the school's tutors and returned to you with suggestions and feedback.

Career prospects

This course opens up many different opportunities in animal welfare. They include:

- Animal welfare inspector
- Animal rescue officer
- Animal welfare organisations
- Animal sanctuary worker
- Animal rehabilitator
- Animal shelter staff member
- Shelter volunteer
- Veterinary assistant
- Animal Carer
- Wildlife Researcher
- Fundraiser
- Community Educator



Course modules

Animal Health Care

1. Introduction to Animal Health Care

- Nature and scope of veterinary services
- Private veterinary practices
- Other veterinary services; laboratories, quarantine, agriculture departments, pharmaceutical companies, educational etc.
- Animal services; breeders, holiday care etc.
- Animal welfare and control
- Veterinary services
- Code of practice
- Terminology
- Transporting animals

2. Common Health Problems in farm animals and pets

- Causes of ill health, injury, conditions
- Nutritional problems
- Living organisms and parasites
- Family pets common conditions
- Dogs, cats, caged birds, aquarium fish, mice
- Wild animals common conditions
- Reptiles

3. Animal Behaviour

- Communication in dogs: scent, barking, body language
- Handling cats
- Bird language
- Types of behaviour
- Time and space orientation
- Territorial behaviour and aggression
- Horse psychology

4. Signs of Ill Health

- The healthy animal
- Vital signs and symptoms of diseases
- Recognising ill health and disease diagnosis
- Taking smears and tissue samples
- Diagnosis and control of different types of diseases including: viruses, bacteria, protozoa, parasites, mites, fleas

5. Veterinary Facilities

- Types of facilities; clinic, hospital, mobile facility, emergency facility, etc
- First aid kit; aids for diagnosis, instruments, medicines, preparations, record management
- Enclosure for animals
- Environmental requirements

6. Safety Procedures

- Duty of care
- Lifting heavy weights and reducing back injury
- Protective equipment
- Dealing with chemicals and skin injuries
- Risk categories
- Separating animals
- Disposal of dead/infected tissues
- Dangerous non-animal wastes
- Storage and handling of medicines
- Handling larger animals

Animal Health Care (continued)

7. Administration of Animal Health

- Animal insurance
- Quarantine and importing animals
- Managing a veterinary office, telephone
- Usage, record keeping and filing information

8. Animal First Aid

- Types of wounds, cuts, punctures and tears
- Treating and cleaning wounds
- Granulating and stitching a wound
- Bone and joint problems, broken bones, tendon injuries and poisoning
- Restraining animals during first aid

9. Preventive Health Care

- Preventing ill health, balanced diet insect control, dip, vaccination
- Comparing natural active immunity, artificial active immunity, natural passive immunity, and artificial active immunity
- Tetanus antiserum, types of vaccines, alternatives to vaccination
- Avoiding stressing livestock

10. Routine Health Treatments

- Desexing, castration, vasectomy, spaying, tubal ligation and castration of cats and dogs
- Pregnancy and gestation periods
- Euthanasia
- Anaesthesia and analgesia
- Preparing an animal for surgery
- Sterilising equipment
- Castrating a colt

11. Health Problems in Domestic Pets

- Burns
- Urinary tract infections;
- Shock
- Electrolytes
- Ticks
- Reptiles
- Fish problems

12. Rehabilitation Care

- Scope of rehabilitation
- Planning a recovery
- Animal nursing
- The hospital pen
- Monitoring temperature, pulse, respiration
- Enclosures

Animal Welfare

1. Scope and Nature of Animal Welfare

- History
- Nature of animal welfare
- Scope of animal welfare
- Widely accepted animal ethics theories
- Animal rights
- Animal welfare
- Animal welfare today



Animal Welfare (continued)

2. Psychology and Sentience

- The science and philosophy of psychology and sentience
- Sentience
- Anthropomorphism and transference
- Compassionate conservation
- Sense and perception
- Cognition
- Animal emotion
- Animal psychopathology
- Behavioural disorders
- Emerging perspectives on sentience and consciousness
- How an understanding of sentience can influence animal welfare

3. Managing Animal Welfare

- Duty of care
- Assessing animal welfare
- Health checks and observations
- The importance of good nutrition
- Provision of water
- Exercise and stimulation
- Controlling pests and diseases
- Veterinary prevention

4. Animal Protection Services

- Animal protection organisations
- Types of animal protection services
- Companion animals
- Protection of farm animals
- Understanding and inspecting health issues
- Inspecting the health of animals
- Signs of ill health
- Differential diagnosis

5. Animal Rescue Services

- Health and Welfare
- Animal first aid
- Poisoning
- Restraining animals during first aid
- First aid for wildlife

6. Animal Health Services

- Animal health services
- Routine health treatments
- Complementary animal health services
- Employment

7. Animal Welfare for Pets, Work Animals and Animals in Sport

- Welfare for companion animals
- Welfare for working animals
- Welfare for animals in sport

8. Animal Welfare for Farm Animals

- Welfare for farm animals
- Intensive farming
- Organic farming
- Other aspects of farm animal welfare
- Welfare issues for farm animals bred for alternative products

9. Animal Welfare for Wild Animals: Free and Captive

- Welfare for captively housed wild animals
- Animal behaviour within zoos
- Welfare for free-living wild animals
- Environmental law enforcement



Possible Elective Add Ons

Vertebrate Zoology

Learn about animals with backbones - how they are classified. This course is excellent for those working with animals or as a foundation for further studies in farming, wildlife, veterinary or pet care industries.

Our zoology course is unique in that it is an "experiential-based" course designed to provide you with practical components. As you work through the course, you'll be working with industry professionals, while exploring the fundamental principles of vertebrate zoology.

Animal Feed and Nutrition (Animal Husbandry III)

Learn to manage the feed and nutrition of farm animals. Study at home with this 100 hour, extensive course for farmers and farm workers. Learn to manage food and nutrition for pets, farm animals or wildlife in zoos. This course introduces animal foods, food components, evaluating food and digestibility for animals, classifying foods and calculating rations.

Animal Anatomy and Physiology (Animal Husbandry I)

Learn animal anatomy and physiology from our team of professional animal scientists. Study animal systems, physiology and potential health issues.

Understanding the basics of animal anatomy and physiology will help you manage and care for your animals. This course is appropriate for beginners and intermediate students alike. This course will help you learn the baselines for animal health and biological systems.

Natural Health Care for Animals

Study animal health management and natural health care for animals. Learn to use naturopathy to treat or prevent disease or illness in domestic pets, farm animals or wildlife.

The course covers holistic therapies such as naturopathy, homeopathy, herbal treatments, tactile therapy, and natural nutrition. It covers a range of conditions that affect domestic animals and provides natural ideas and solutions for treating these conditions.

As well as **horse breeding, horse care, equine studies, animal grooming, dog grooming and several other options to suit your career goals.**



Course overview



Course duration

This course is made up of 2 in-depth modules. The amount of study time required to complete this course is approximately 200 hours of study.



Supporting you in your studies

With our courses you are not on your own. Careers Collectiv provides the highest level of support possible.



24/7 Access

Online 24/7 access to your course allowing you to fit your study in with your schedule.



Certification

A certificate of attainment will be issued upon completion of your course.

Careers Collectiv Benefits

- Study from anywhere, anytime
- No experience required
- No set deadlines
- Lifetime access to your course

Flexible payment options

The overall price will vary depending on the options you select. We also offer a discount for upfront payments.

To find out more about the course that best suits your needs, talk to one of our career advisors on 1300 001 703.

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