



## Certificate of Animal Welfare

### ENROL & START TODAY

\* Ts&Cs apply

- ✓ Unlimited Support
- ✓ 12 Months Access

### TOTAL COST

**\$599.00**

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## Course Description

Are you an animal lover with a passion for making a difference in the animal welfare space? If so, you can turn your concern for animals into a career.

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On completion of this course, you will feel confident to act as an animal welfare activist or to pursue a career working with animals, such as an animal shelter attendant, animal welfare inspector or many other professions where animal welfare is a priority.

Printed learning materials may be available free to print for this course. Requests can be made by contacting us.

## Study Hours

Estimated duration **50 Hours**

## Course Delivery and Start

Start anytime, self-paced and 100% online

## Assessment

Assessment will be comprised of written exercises, including short-answer questions, reflective tasks, short reports and/or projects. There are no examinations or due dates for assessment. As a result, you can complete training in your own time and at your own pace with the assistance of unlimited tutor support.

## Career Outcomes

- Animal Shelter Staff
- Rescue Officers
- Pet Resort Attendant
- Pet Trainer

# Course Structure

## Unit 1 – Scope and Nature of Animal Welfare

- History
- Nature of animal welfare
- Definitions
- Scope of animal welfare
- Considering Animal Ethics
- Moral status of animals
- Moral equality theories
- Widely accepted animal ethic theories
- Animal rights
- Animal welfare

## Unit 2 – Psychology and Sentience

- The science and philosophy of psychology and sentience
- Sentience
- Sapience
- Anthropomorphism and transference
- Compassionate conservation
- Sense and perception
- Cognition
- Animal emotion
- Animal psychopathology
- Depression in animals
- Stress in animals
- Eating disorders in animals
- Activity anorexia
- Over-eating and under-eating
- Weight loss
- Coprophagia
- Thin sow syndrome
- Behavioral disorders
- How an understanding of sentience can influence animal welfare

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## **Unit 3 – Managing Animal Welfare**

- Managing animal welfare
- Duty of care
- Assessing animal welfare
- Preventing disease and injury
- Health checks and observations
- The importance of good nutrition
- Provision of water
- Exercise and stimulation
- Appropriate and safe environment
- Controlling pests and diseases
- Veterinary prevention
- Common ectoparasites and endoparasites

## **Unit 4 – Animal Protection Services**

- Animal protection organisations
- Types of animal protection activities
- Companion animals
- Protection of farm animals
- Understanding and inspecting health issues
- Viral diseases
- Bacterial diseases
- Fungal diseases
- Protozoa micro organisms
- Parasites
- Ectoparasites (fleas, ticks, lice, mites)
- Genetic disorders
- Metabolic and nutritional disease
- Inspecting the health of animals
- Temperature, pulse and respiration
- Signs of ill health
- Differential diagnosis

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## Unit 5 – Animal Rescue Services

- The fundamental aims of animal rescue
- Shelters
- Health and welfare
- Reminder of basic animal needs
- Animal first aid
- Types of wounds
- Treating wounds
- Cleaning wounds
- Granulating wounds
- Stitching a wound
- Fly control
- Bone & joint problems
- Sprains broken bones, bone infections and bone diseases
- Tendon injury
- Contusions or muscle strain
- Poisoning
- Chemicals
- Poisoning from grazing
- Restraining animals during first aid
- First aid for wildlife

## Unit 6 – Animal Health Services

- Veterinary services, or animal hospitals
- Routine health treatments
- Animal rescue organisations
- Immunisation
- The vaccination debate
- Quarantine
- Euthanasia
- De-sexing

# Course Structure

## **Unit 6 – Animal Health Services cont.**

- Complementary animal health services
- Homeopathy & flower essences
- Naturopathy
- Natural nutrition
- Tactile therapies
- Acupuncture
- Frequency specific microcurrent
- Microwave therapies
- Ayurvedic medicine
- Traditional Chinese medicine
- Employment opportunities

## **Unit 7 – Welfare for Companion Animals**

- Welfare for companion animals
- Welfare for work animals
- Welfare for animals in sport

## **Unit 8 – Animal Welfare for Farm Animals**

- Welfare for farm animals
- Intensive farming
- Pigs
- Cattle
- Dairy cows and calves
- Veal calves
- Poultry
- Laying hens
- Cage eggs
- “battery cages”
- Barn laid eggs and free range eggs
- Organic farming

# Course Structure

## **Unit 8 – Animal Welfare for Farm Animals cont.**

- Other aspects of animal welfare
- Animal welfare during transport
- Animal slaughter
- Animal welfare labelling
- Welfare issues – farm animals bred for alternative products
- Down and wool
- Tail docking
- Mulesing
- Foies gras

## **Unit 9 – Animal Welfare for Wild Animals: Free and Captive**

- Welfare for captive wild animals
- Zoos & wildlife parks
- Pet trade
- Welfare for free wild animals
- Destruction of native habitat
- Protection of wildlife
- Protection against hunting and trapping
- The land and marine environments
- Legislation
- Australian legislation
- Codes of practice
- Animal behaviour
- Environmental law enforcement
- Case studies



## Testimonials

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Fantastic course with lots of variety and plenty of information supplied. Tutors were easy to access for support and guidance. 10/10

*Tenaya - Northam, WA | Certificate of Animal Welfare*

My experience studying with Australian Online Courses has been very positive. The course content was clear, relevant, and practical, and it allowed me to study at my own pace while balancing work and other commitments. The learning materials were easy to follow, and support from tutors was available when needed. Overall, the course helped strengthen my knowledge and confidence, and I would happily recommend Australian Online Courses to others.

*Charlotte - Sadadeen, NT | Certificate of Animal Welfare*

It went well, the assignments and assessments were straight forward and easy to understand. The flexibility of time really helped me to complete this course.

*Caleb - Adelaide, SA | Certificate of Animal Welfare*

## Graduation

A **Certificate of Attainment** and **Statement of Results** will be issued upon successful completion of this course.

## How to Enrol

All enrolments are completed through our course pages. Simply visit your chosen course page to get started. You will be guided through the enrolment process step by step.

If you have any questions or need help choosing the right course, our team is available during business hours to assist.

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## Enrolling Staff or a Team

Staff can be enrolled directly through your chosen course page, using the same process as any individual enrolment.

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