



## Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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### COURSE BROCHURE

# Animal Care And Welfare Management Training

Agriculture and Nature Conservation / Nature Conservation

Unit Standard 113822 · NQF Level 2 · 20 Credits · 17 Days

## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the knowledge and skills to manage animal care and welfare effectively within a variety of contexts. Participants will understand ethical principles, legal requirements, and best practices to ensure the well-being of animals under their supervision. The training promotes responsible animal management aligned with South African standards.

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Category        | Agriculture and Nature Conservation        |
| Subfield        | Nature Conservation                        |
| Unit Standard   | 113822                                     |
| Accreditation   | SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 2 · 20 Credits |
| Duration        | 17 days                                    |
| Training Method | Online, On-Campus, In-House                |
| Certificate     | Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online  |

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply ethical principles and legislation governing animal care and welfare in South Africa.
- Analyze the needs of different animal species to ensure appropriate housing, nutrition, and health care.
- Implement welfare assessment protocols to monitor and improve animal well-being.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of animal management practices and recommend improvements.
- Demonstrate humane handling techniques that minimize stress and injury to animals.
- Design a comprehensive animal care plan that addresses physical, behavioral, and environmental needs.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for animal care professionals, shelter managers, farm supervisors, veterinary assistants, and anyone responsible for the welfare of animals in a professional or volunteer capacity.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Day 1: Introduction to Animal Care and Welfare

- What is animal welfare?
- The Five Freedoms: freedom from hunger, discomfort, pain, fear, and to express normal behaviour
- Overview of the Animals Protection Act (Act 71 of 1962)
- Ethical considerations in animal care
- Roles and responsibilities of animal caregivers

### Day 2: Animal Behaviour and Stress Indicators

- Normal behaviour patterns in dogs, cats, horses, and livestock
- Abnormal behaviours: stereotypes, aggression, withdrawal
- Physiological and behavioural indicators of stress
- Factors causing stress: environment, handling, social grouping
- Introduction to low-stress handling principles

### Day 3: Animal Handling and Restraint

- Principles of safe animal handling
- Handling dogs: leash techniques, lifting, and carrying
- Handling cats: towel wrap, scruff, carrier use
- Restraint equipment: muzzles, gloves, squeeze cages
- Preventing bites, scratches, and injuries

### Day 4: Nutrition and Feeding Management

- Basic nutrients: proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals
- Species-specific dietary needs: dogs, cats, horses, cattle
- Commercial feeds vs homemade diets
- Feeding management: schedules, portion sizes, water provision
- Common nutritional disorders: obesity, deficiencies

### Day 5: Housing and Environmental Enrichment

- Housing requirements: space, ventilation, temperature, lighting
- Bedding and substrate options
- Environmental enrichment: toys, puzzles, social grouping
- Cleaning and disinfection protocols
- Welfare assessment of housing conditions

### Day 6: Health Management and Disease Prevention

- Signs of good health vs illness
- Common diseases: distemper, parvovirus, rabies, parasites
- Vaccination protocols for dogs, cats, and livestock
- Deworming and parasite control
- Biosecurity: quarantine, hygiene, disinfection

### Day 7: Basic First Aid and Emergency Care

- First aid principles: assessment, safety, stabilization
- Wound management: cleaning, bandaging
- Fracture immobilization and splinting
- Heatstroke, hypothermia, and poisoning

- Emergency transport and veterinary referral

#### **Day 8: Reproduction and Breeding Management**

- Reproductive anatomy and cycles: oestrus, gestation
- Breeding management: selection, mating, pregnancy diagnosis
- Parturition: signs, stages, complications
- Neonatal care: colostrum, feeding, hygiene
- Ethical considerations: overpopulation, genetic defects

#### **Day 9: Animal Behaviour Modification and Training**

- Learning theory: classical and operant conditioning
- Positive reinforcement: treats, praise, play
- Addressing aggression, anxiety, and house soiling
- Basic obedience: sit, stay, come, loose-leash walking
- Behaviour modification plans

#### **Day 10: Welfare Assessment and Auditing**

- Welfare assessment protocols: AWIN, Welfare Quality
- Animal-based indicators: body condition, behaviour, health
- Resource-based indicators: space, enrichment, cleanliness
- Scoring and benchmarking
- Auditing: preparation, documentation, corrective actions

#### **Day 11: Legal and Ethical Frameworks**

- Animals Protection Act (Act 71 of 1962)
- Performing Animals Protection Act (Act 24 of 1935)
- SPCA and NSPCA roles
- Codes of practice: farming, laboratory, companion animals
- Ethical decision-making frameworks

#### **Day 12: Animal Transportation and Handling in Transit**

- Transport legislation and standards
- Vehicle requirements: ventilation, temperature, space
- Loading and unloading techniques
- Stress reduction: fasting, bedding, breaks
- Emergency procedures: breakdown, accident, escape

#### **Day 13: Euthanasia and End-of-Life Care**

- Indications for euthanasia: quality of life, incurable disease
- Euthanasia methods: injectable, inhalant, physical (captive bolt)
- Confirmation of death
- Carcass disposal regulations
- Grief support and communication

#### **Day 14: Record Keeping and Data Management**

- Types of records: individual animal, health, treatment, feeding
- Paper vs electronic record systems
- Data entry and retrieval
- Confidentiality and ethical use of data
- Using records for trend analysis and welfare improvement

### Day 15: Communication and Client Relations

- Communication skills: active listening, empathy, clarity
- Client education: nutrition, behaviour, preventive care
- Conflict resolution and complaint handling
- Teamwork: roles, respect, collaboration
- Cultural sensitivity in animal care

### Day 16: Occupational Health and Safety

- Common hazards: bites, scratches, zoonoses, chemicals
- Zoonotic diseases: rabies, ringworm, leptospirosis
- Personal protective equipment: gloves, masks, boots
- Safe lifting and ergonomics
- Incident reporting and first aid

### Day 17: Integration and Capstone Assessment

- Review of key concepts from Days 1-16
- Case studies: welfare assessment and improvement
- Developing a welfare management plan for a facility
- Simulated practical scenario: handling, first aid, assessment
- Final assessment and feedback

## ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **20 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 2**.

## PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

| Delegates | Training Method      | Price per Delegate | Total       |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1         | Online               | R 53,800.00        | R 53,800.00 |
| 1         | In-House             | R 69,900.00        | R 69,900.00 |
| 1         | On-Campus (Pretoria) | R 80,700.00        | R 80,700.00 |

## UPCOMING SESSIONS

| Start       | End         | Method    | Venue                      |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 31 Jul 2026 | 24 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Johannesburg, South Africa |
| 03 Aug 2026 | 25 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Cape Town, South Africa    |
| 04 Aug 2026 | 26 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Dubai, UAE                 |
| 05 Aug 2026 | 27 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Pretoria, South Africa     |
| 05 Aug 2026 | 27 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Lagos, Nigeria             |
| 06 Aug 2026 | 28 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Johannesburg, South Africa |
| 07 Aug 2026 | 31 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Mauritius                  |
| 10 Aug 2026 | 01 Sep 2026 | On-Campus | Dubai, UAE                 |

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

## HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit [www.aaticd.co.za](http://www.aaticd.co.za), open the page for this course (Unit Standard 113822) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to [apply@aaticd.co.za](mailto:apply@aaticd.co.za) – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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