



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Responsible Companion Animal Ownership Advice

Agriculture and Nature Conservation / Nature Conservation

Unit Standard 261558 · NQF Level 4 · 4 Credits · 1 Day

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the knowledge and skills to provide accurate, responsible advice on companion animal ownership. It covers the legal and ethical responsibilities of pet owners, animal welfare principles, and practical guidance on care and behavior. By the end, participants will be able to confidently advise clients on all aspects of responsible pet ownership.

Category	Agriculture and Nature Conservation
Subfield	Nature Conservation
Unit Standard	261558
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 4 Credits
Duration	1 day
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate an understanding of the legal and ethical responsibilities of companion animal ownership.
- Apply principles of animal welfare and the Five Freedoms when advising on animal care.
- Evaluate common behavioral and health issues in companion animals and recommend appropriate solutions.
- Advise on suitable animal selection based on lifestyle, environment, and owner capabilities.
- Communicate effectively with pet owners to promote responsible ownership practices.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for animal welfare workers, pet shop staff, veterinary receptionists, and anyone who provides advice on companion animal care to the public.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Responsible Companion Animal Ownership

- Introduction to companion animal ownership in South Africa
- Legal framework: Animal Protection Act, local by-laws, and SAQA standards
- The five freedoms of animal welfare
- Basic nutrition, vaccination, and parasite control
- Behavioural needs and enrichment for dogs and cats
- Responsible breeding, adoption, and rehoming
- End-of-life care and euthanasia ethics
- Practical tips for advising owners on daily care routines

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 **4 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 12,800.00	R 12,800.00
1	In-House	R 16,600.00	R 16,600.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 19,200.00	R 19,200.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

No sessions are currently scheduled. Please contact us to arrange a session at a time and location that suits your team.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 261558) 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 – 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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