



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Animal Cruelty Legislation Application Explained

Agriculture and Nature Conservation / Nature Conservation

Unit Standard 261590 · NQF Level 5 · 5 Credits · 2 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the knowledge and skills to explain and apply animal cruelty legislation in South Africa. Participants will gain a thorough understanding of the Animals Protection Act and related regulations, enabling them to identify, report, and prevent animal cruelty in various contexts. The course is designed to promote ethical treatment of animals and legal compliance within communities and workplaces.

Category	Agriculture and Nature Conservation
Subfield	Nature Conservation
Unit Standard	261590
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 5 Credits
Duration	2 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Explain the key provisions of the Animals Protection Act and relevant animal cruelty legislation in South Africa.
- Apply legal definitions of animal cruelty, neglect, and abuse to real-world scenarios.
- Identify signs of animal cruelty and determine appropriate reporting procedures.
- Analyze case studies to evaluate the application of animal cruelty legislation in different contexts.
- Implement preventive measures and ethical practices to ensure compliance with animal protection laws.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively with stakeholders about animal cruelty legislation and its enforcement.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is ideal for animal welfare inspectors, law enforcement officers, veterinarians, animal shelter staff, and community workers who interact with animals.
- It is also suitable for individuals seeking to understand their legal responsibilities regarding animal care and protection.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Animal Cruelty Legislation

- Overview of SAQA unit standard 261590 and course outcomes.
- Ethical foundations: animal sentience and welfare.
- Historical development of animal protection laws in South Africa.
- The Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962: key provisions.
- Other relevant legislation: SPCA Act, local by-laws, and provincial ordinances.
- Definitions: cruelty, neglect, abandonment, and unnecessary suffering.
- Enforcement authorities: SAPS, SPCA, and municipal inspectors.
- Penalties and sentencing options: fines, imprisonment, forfeiture.

Day 2: Application and Case Management

- Reporting mechanisms: who to contact and what information to provide.
- Investigation procedures: scene preservation, evidence collection, and chain of custody.
- Documenting evidence: photographs, statements, veterinary reports.
- Case studies: common cruelty scenarios (hoarding, fighting, neglect, physical abuse).
- Legal defenses and challenges: exemptions, necessity, and reasonable force.
- Role of expert witnesses: veterinarians, behaviorists, forensic specialists.
- Inter-agency collaboration: protocols between SPCA, SAPS, and other stakeholders.
- Public awareness and prevention strategies.

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 **5 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 16,200.00	R 16,200.00
1	In-House	R 21,000.00	R 21,000.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 24,300.00	R 24,300.00

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 261590) 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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