



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Euthanasia Principles for Animal Welfare Workers

Agriculture and Nature Conservation / Nature Conservation

Unit Standard 261594 · NQF Level 4 · 5 Credits · 2 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips animal welfare workers with the knowledge and skills to perform euthanasia of species commonly encountered in South African shelters and clinics. It covers ethical decision-making, humane techniques, legal requirements, and emotional support for staff. Participants will learn to apply principles of euthanasia in a compassionate, safe, and legally compliant manner.

Category	Agriculture and Nature Conservation
Subfield	Nature Conservation
Unit Standard	261594
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 5 Credits
Duration	2 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply the principles of humane euthanasia to species commonly dealt with by animal welfare workers.
- Analyze the ethical and legal considerations surrounding euthanasia in an animal welfare context.
- Demonstrate correct handling and restraint techniques for euthanasia procedures.
- Evaluate different euthanasia methods and select appropriate ones for specific species.
- Implement post-euthanasia procedures including carcass disposal and record-keeping.
- Demonstrate emotional resilience and support strategies for staff involved in euthanasia.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Animal welfare workers, shelter staff, veterinary nurses, and field officers in South Africa who are responsible for or involved in the euthanasia of animals in their care.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Euthanasia Principles

- Introduction to euthanasia: definitions and ethical considerations.
- South African legal framework and SAQA-aligned standards.
- Criteria for euthanasia decision-making (quality of life assessments).
- Humane euthanasia methods: injectable agents, physical methods (captive bolt, gunshot), and gas chambers.
- Confirmation of death: absence of heartbeat, respiration, corneal reflex, and rigor mortis.
- Occupational health and safety: handling controlled substances, sharps disposal, and zoonotic risks.
- Compassion fatigue and staff support mechanisms.
- Case studies of ethical dilemmas in animal shelters.

Day 2: Application and Practical Integration

- Species-specific handling and restraint (dogs, cats, wildlife, livestock).
- Intravenous and intraperitoneal injection techniques.
- Use of pre-euthanasia sedation and anaesthesia.
- Euthanasia of neonates, pregnant animals, and aggressive animals.
- Record-keeping and reporting requirements.
- Disposal methods: incineration, rendering, burial, and composting.
- Auditing and improving euthanasia protocols.
- Simulated scenarios for decision-making under pressure.

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 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 15,400.00	R 15,400.00
1	In-House	R 20,000.00	R 20,000.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 23,100.00	R 23,100.00

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 261594) 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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