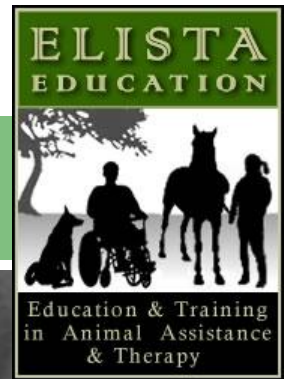


COURSE OUTLINE-



ANIMAL WELFARE

Course Aim:

The aim of the Animal Welfare Course is to allow participants the opportunity to explore what the needs of a variety of animals are, so to provide for their optimal well-being. Participants will become knowledgeable in animal nutritional, health, husbandry and behavioural requirements as well as developing practical skills in first aid, behaviour analysis and objective assessment of welfare.

Upon completion of the course participants should be able to understand how to evaluate welfare so to provide for animals in their care.

Course Delivery:

The Animal Welfare Course is delivered by ELISTA Education in various learning platforms, including evening course (30 two and a half hour sessions), weekend day course (10 days of seven and a half hours), 3 week consecutive course (15 days of five hours) and home study with practical weekend sessions (6 days of 6 hours). Various training locations are available.

Course Content:

The Animal Welfare Course is made up of six modules:

- Welfare: Animals & People
- Feeding & Nutrition
- Health & Handling
- Husbandry & Housing
- Behaviour and welfare assessment
- Legislation & Welfare Ethics

The above modules are delivered independently for the home study programme, yet for all other delivery methods there is a more combined approach yet still with an underlying structure integrating theory with practical application

Participation Requirements:

The practical elements of modules and the assessment of training competences are carried out to some degree over the duration of the course, but with more significant assessment in the later quarter, or in practical training weekends for the home study participants. For home study learners all four theoretical modules must be completed, submitted and assessed prior to practical sessions.

ELISTA Education is an equal opportunity provider and provides the Animal Welfare Courses without exclusion, although participants should be aware that this course is delivered at an equivalent to 'Level 5' on the National Qualifications Framework (www.nfq.ie), and an academic ability equivalent to Irish Leaving Certificate is advised.

Progression

The Animal Welfare course offered by ELISTA Education has a progression option to the specialised course Animal Rehabilitation, other employment opportunities within animal rescue centres, veterinary practises and pet shops may also become available through participation in the course. This course is equally valuable for pet owners wishing to learn more.