Companion Animal Behaviour Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Veterinary and Animal Science	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master animal behaviour assessment techniques for dogs, cats, and exotic pets.
2. Understand ethology principles for interpreting natural behaviours.
3. Implement positive reinforcement training for behaviour modification.
4. Identify and manage aggressive and fearful behaviours.
5. Develop individualized enrichment programs for companion animals.
6. Learn stress and anxiety management techniques in pets.
7. Apply clicker training and operant conditioning methods.
8. Evaluate environmental influences on animal behaviour.
9. Conduct behavioural case studies for practical learning.
10. Utilize training aids and technology to enhance learning outcomes.
11. Promote human-animal bonding and improve communication skills.
12. Ensure ethical handling and welfare-focused interventions.
13. Stay updated with trending companion animal behaviour research.

Target Audience

1. Pet owners seeking behaviour guidance
2. Professional dog and cat trainers
3. Veterinary technicians and assistants
4. Animal behaviourists and welfare specialists
5. Shelter and rescue workers
6. Pet daycare and boarding facility staff
7. Students of veterinary or animal sciences
8. Behaviour consultants and canine/feline enthusiasts

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Companion Animal Behaviour

- Principles of **ethology and learning theory**
- Understanding **communication signals in pets**
- Behavioral anatomy and sensory perception
- Common behaviour disorders in companion animals
- **Case Study:** Understanding aggression triggers in shelter dogs

Module 2: Canine Behaviour and Training

- Dog social structures and pack dynamics
- Recognizing signs of **stress and fear in dogs**
- Implementing **positive reinforcement strategies**

- Behaviour modification plans for common issues
- **Case Study:** Treating separation anxiety in rescue dogs

Module 3: Feline Behaviour and Training

- Cat communication and territorial behaviour
- Identifying **stress-related behaviours in cats**
- Environmental enrichment techniques
- Training cats using **reward-based methods**
- **Case Study:** Reducing litter box avoidance in domestic cats

Module 4: Exotic and Small Companion Animals

- Behaviour of rabbits, guinea pigs, and birds
- Handling and **stress minimization techniques**
- Socialization and enrichment programs
- Identifying abnormal behaviours in exotic pets
- **Case Study:** Behavioral intervention for a stressed parrot

Module 5: Behavioural Assessment and Observation

- Tools and checklists for behaviour evaluation
- Conducting **functional behaviour assessments**
- Interpreting body language and vocalizations
- Recording and analyzing behaviour patterns
- **Case Study:** Observing fear responses in shelter dogs

Module 6: Aggression and Problem Behaviours

- Types and causes of aggressive behaviour
- Fear-based vs. dominance-based aggression
- Safe intervention and management strategies
- Developing **behaviour modification plans**
- **Case Study:** Aggression mitigation in multi-dog households

Module 7: Training Techniques and Enrichment

- Clicker training and operant conditioning
- Reward schedules and motivation strategies
- Cognitive enrichment and problem-solving exercises
- Integrating **environmental enrichment in daily routines**
- **Case Study:** Implementing enrichment for anxious cats

Module 8: Welfare, Ethics, and Human-Animal Bonding

- Ethical training and handling practices
- Reducing stress in veterinary and home settings
- Enhancing **human-animal communication**
- Promoting long-term behaviour health
- **Case Study:** Strengthening human-animal bond in therapy animals

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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