Pocket Pet Nutrition 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. Understand the nutritional requirements of various pocket pets.
2. Identify common deficiencies and dietary imbalances in small mammals.
3. Learn to design species-specific feeding plans.
4. Implement balanced diets for growth, reproduction, and longevity.
5. Analyze commercial pet foods versus homemade diets.
6. Prevent obesity and metabolic disorders through nutrition.
7. Address dental health issues through dietary strategies.
8. Explore the role of fiber, probiotics, and prebiotics in gut health.
9. Apply feeding strategies for exotic and rare small mammals.
10. Utilize nutritional supplements and functional foods safely.
11. Develop skills in diet assessment and modification.
12. Integrate case studies and real-life scenarios into dietary planning.
13. Stay updated with trending nutrition innovations and research breakthroughs.

Target Audience

1. Pocket pet owners and enthusiasts
2. Veterinarians and veterinary technicians
3. Animal nutritionists
4. Pet store professionals
5. Breeders of small mammals
6. Animal welfare workers and shelter staff
7. Students of veterinary and animal science
8. Pet bloggers and content creators focused on animal care

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Pocket Pet Nutrition

- Overview of small mammal species and their diets
- Digestive physiology of pocket pets
- Nutrient essentials
- Recognizing species-specific dietary needs
- Case Study: Optimizing diet for a multi-species small mammal household

Module 2: Common Nutritional Deficiencies

- Identifying signs of malnutrition
- Vitamin C deficiency in guinea pigs

- Calcium and vitamin D issues in rabbits
- Protein and fat imbalances in hamsters
- Case Study: Correcting chronic dietary deficiencies in a ferret

Module 3: Designing Balanced Diets

- Commercial vs homemade diets
- Portion control and meal frequency
- Integrating fresh greens and pellets
- Safe treats and snacks
- Case Study: Meal plan for a growing chinchilla colony

Module 4: Gut Health & Digestive Support

- Importance of fiber and gut microbiota
- Role of probiotics and prebiotics
- Preventing gastrointestinal stasis
- Digestive troubleshooting
- Case Study: Treating a rabbit with chronic GI issues

Module 5: Preventing Obesity & Metabolic Disorders

- Causes of obesity in pocket pets
- Designing low-calorie diets
- Activity and feeding enrichment strategies
- Monitoring weight and body condition score
- Case Study: Weight management program for overweight guinea pigs

Module 6: Dental Health & Nutrition

- Anatomy of teeth in pocket pets
- Foods that support dental wear
- Signs of malocclusion
- Integrating chew toys and natural fibers
- Case Study: Nutritional intervention for a rabbit with overgrown teeth

Module 7: Supplements & Functional Foods

- Safe use of vitamins and minerals
- Functional foods for immunity and longevity
- Herbs and superfoods for small mammals
- Avoiding toxic human foods
- Case Study: Implementing a supplement regimen for a senior ferret

Module 8: Advanced Feeding Strategies & Case Studies

- Feeding programs for breeding animals
- Managing multi-species households
- Emergency nutrition protocols
- Diet adjustments for health conditions
- Case Study: Comprehensive dietary plan for a rescue small mammal facility

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

Send us an email: info@fineskilltrainingcenter.org or call *+254769199797*

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

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23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
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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