

Primate Care & 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 primate behavioral assessment techniques using observational tools.
2. Implement enrichment strategies that enhance psychological and physical well-being.
3. Develop expertise in captive primate care protocols aligned with global welfare standards.
4. Understand social dynamics and hierarchy behavior in different primate species.
5. Apply stress reduction and welfare improvement techniques in daily routines.
6. Analyze feeding behavior and dietary planning for diverse primates.
7. Integrate cognitive enrichment exercises for mental stimulation.
8. Design and implement evidence-based training programs.
9. Conduct behavioral problem analysis and intervention strategies.
10. Explore conservation-focused approaches to captive and wild primates.
11. Utilize technology-driven behavioral monitoring tools.
12. Incorporate ethics and regulatory compliance in primate care programs.
13. Prepare detailed case study reports and management plans for real-world scenarios.

Target Audience

1. Zookeepers and animal caretakers
2. Wildlife conservationists and researchers
3. Veterinary students and professionals
4. Animal behaviorists and ethologists
5. Primatology enthusiasts and volunteers
6. Sanctuary and rescue center staff
7. Environmental educators
8. Aspiring wildlife documentary professionals

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Primate Biology & Species Identification

- Overview of **primate taxonomy and classification**
- Physical and behavioral characteristics of key species
- Habitat requirements and ecological roles
- Case Study: **Chimpanzee social structure in sanctuaries**
- Tools for species identification and monitoring

Module 2: Primate Behavior & Social Dynamics

- Understanding social hierarchies and group interactions
- Communication patterns: vocal, visual, and tactile signals
- Behavioral observation techniques and recording methods
- Case Study: **Gorilla troop leadership dynamics in captivity**
- Identifying stress and aggression indicators

Module 3: Nutrition & Feeding Behavior

- Dietary requirements across primate species
- Feeding schedules and supplementation
- Behavioral cues for hunger, satiety, and food preference
- Case Study: **Orangutan diet optimization in rehabilitation centers**
- Tools for monitoring feeding behavior

Module 4: Enrichment & Cognitive Stimulation

- Designing physical, social, and cognitive enrichment programs
- Problem-solving games and environmental modifications
- Tracking enrichment effectiveness
- Case Study: **Capuchin monkeys' tool use and enrichment interventions**
- Best practices for mental stimulation and boredom reduction

Module 5: Handling, Training & Conditioning

- Positive reinforcement techniques
- Training for husbandry and veterinary procedures
- Safety protocols for handlers and primates
- Case Study: **Macaque cooperative training for medical checks**
- Ethical considerations in training and handling

Module 6: Health Monitoring & Disease Prevention

- Recognizing behavioral signs of illness
- Routine health checks and hygiene practices
- Disease prevention and biosecurity protocols
- Case Study: **Disease outbreak management in a primate sanctuary**
- Recording and analyzing health data

Module 7: Conservation & Ethical Management

- Role of captivity in conservation efforts
- Ethical dilemmas and welfare compliance
- Habitat design for enrichment and species-specific needs
- Case Study: **Rescue and rehabilitation of confiscated primates**
- Policies for ethical primate management

Module 8: Research & Data Analysis in Primate Behavior

- Observational research methodologies
- Data collection, analysis, and interpretation
- Behavioral trend reporting and publication strategies
- Case Study: **Behavioral research on bonobos in semi-wild conditions**
- Using technology for behavioral studies

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

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- 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
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
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