Rabbit & Rodent Care Fundamentals 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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With a focus on evidence-based practices, practical case studies, and expert-led guidance, this course bridges the gap between theory and real-world application. Learners will explore advanced strategies for stress-free handling, environmental enrichment, and emergency care while building confidence to provide high-quality care for rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, and other rodents. This curriculum also highlights emerging trends in pet wellness, preventive care, and ethical husbandry, making it an essential foundation for anyone seeking professional or personal growth in small mammal care.

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Course Objectives

1. Understand fundamental biology and anatomy of rabbits and rodents.
2. Master proper housing and environmental enrichment techniques.
3. Develop expertise in balanced nutrition and feeding strategies.
4. Learn handling, restraint, and behavior interpretation for small mammals.
5. Recognize common diseases and preventive healthcare practices.
6. Apply sanitation and biosecurity protocols in small mammal care.
7. Conduct stress-free grooming and hygiene routines.
8. Implement emergency care and first aid procedures.
9. Analyze case studies on behavioral problems and solutions.
10. Explore ethical breeding and reproductive management practices.
11. Understand veterinary care coordination and record-keeping.
12. Integrate sustainable and eco-friendly care practices.
13. Stay updated with trending innovations in small mammal wellness.

Target Audience

1. Pet owners of rabbits and rodents
2. Veterinary assistants and technicians
3. Animal shelter staff
4. Pet store employees
5. Animal behaviorists and trainers
6. Aspiring veterinary students
7. Small animal breeders
8. Animal welfare volunteers

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Rabbits & Rodents

- Overview of small mammal species, breeds, and lifespan
- Comparative anatomy and physiology
- Natural behaviors and instincts
- Role of rabbits & rodents in human society
- Case study: Behavioral assessment of a rescued rabbit

Module 2: Housing & Environmental Enrichment

- Cage setup, space, and bedding selection
- Temperature, humidity, and lighting considerations
- Creating stimulating environments
- Social housing and compatibility strategies
- Case study: Improving welfare through habitat enrichment

Module 3: Nutrition & Feeding Strategies

- Essential nutrients and dietary requirements
- Feeding schedules and portion control
- Handling selective eaters and dietary issues
- Supplements, treats, and toxic foods
- Case study: Managing obesity in pet rodents

Module 4: Handling, Restraint & Behavior

- Safe lifting, holding, and transport techniques
- Understanding body language and stress signals
- Behavioral enrichment through interaction
- Training techniques for positive reinforcement
- Case study: Resolving aggression in a guinea pig

Module 5: Health & Preventive Care

- Recognizing signs of illness
- Vaccination and parasite control
- Routine health check-ups
- Dental and grooming care
- Case study: Early detection of dental disease in rabbits

Module 6: Emergency Care & First Aid

- Common emergencies and triage
- Handling injuries and sudden illness
- Safe medication administration
- Record-keeping for emergency care
- Case study: Treating a rodent with respiratory distress

Module 7: Ethical Breeding & Reproduction Management

- Responsible breeding practices
- Pregnancy monitoring and birth support
- Neonatal care and weaning protocols
- Preventing inbreeding and genetic disorders
- Case study: Successful rearing of orphaned kits

Module 8: Professional & Sustainable Care Practices

- Eco-friendly waste disposal and cleaning
- Record-keeping and veterinary collaboration
- Staying updated on scientific research
- Advocacy for small mammal welfare

- Case study: Implementing sustainable care in a shelter environment

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

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