



For you and your pet...

gain the most from your
relationship with your
pet or learn to care for
animals professionally

ANIMAL
CARE
COLLEGE



Our students

// I found the course incredibly informative and was amazed at how little I knew about feline behaviour. A brilliant course, invaluable to me and worth doing if you have a genuine interest in our ever-baffling feline friends."

- Elizabeth

// I wanted to study cat behaviour because I have 5 cats and I breed and occasionally show. I have been a Veterinary Nurse for 14 years. I thoroughly enjoyed the course and cannot think of any way in which it could be improved."

- James

// I enjoyed the course very, very much and found researching material interesting and have learnt a lot. The questions on this course were easy to understand and the course itself was interesting to read."

- Julie



Welcome

As the first college in the UK to offer distance learning in animal care, we started with a vision: to combine the convenience of studying at home with **dedicated tutor support** and a quality education in caring for animals.

Over the last **40 years**, we've expanded our offering, giving students from all walks of life the opportunity to choose from over **50 quality courses** and career pathways, building on their love for animals, and for some, turning care into a career.

We have **supported countless students** to better understand their pets and go on to care for animals professionally. We're proud of the relationships we've built within the industry and of the expertise this enables us to pass on to our students, but most of all we are proud of our successful graduates and sharing their learning journey with them.

When you enrol, you'll receive your first unit, so you can **start when you are ready**, and progress through the course at your own pace - no waiting around for term to begin.

Our helpful student advisors and tutors are on hand to help you and answer any questions you may have, before, during and after your studies. We look forward to **supporting you** on your own journey.



David Cavill
Director of Studies



Accredited by Leading Bodies

Our courses have been endorsed under the Quality Licence Scheme*. This means that the Animal Care College has undergone an external quality check to ensure that we as an organisation and the courses we offer, meet defined quality criteria.

QLS have long-established reputations for providing high quality vocational courses across a wide range of industries.

The accrediting body for the Animal Care College is the Pet Education, Training and Behaviour Council (PETbc).

In addition to their Animal Care College award, students can choose to have their individual achievements recognised by the PETbc**. This endorsement means that courses have been externally verified and the Animal Care College has been approved and assured by the PETbc standards group of qualified professionals.

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Cats & Dogs

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Introduction to Canine Psychology

This course is the perfect starting point for the dog lover and aspiring canine care professional, giving you the opportunity to better understand your companion, or lay the groundwork for a career in canine care. You'll study everything from puppyhood, to the relationships of adult dogs, forming a basis for improved interactions with and understanding of dogs.

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Intermediate Canine Psychology

Building on the introductory level, this course focuses on the canine brain, senses and behaviours, enabling you to gain deeper insights into canine psychology. It will expand your knowledge of canine psychology from a basic level, suitable for looking after one's own dog, to a more advanced and professionally applicable level.

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Advanced Canine Psychology

This course will enable you to work with problem dogs and their owners at a professional level. Learn how to diagnose the cause of psychological problems, and to formulate a programme for their resolution. We recommend that you complete the Intermediate Canine Psychology course or have equivalent experience before enrolling.

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Intermediate Feline Psychology

This course covers a broad range of subjects, from the cat's place in society, to inter-feline relationships, giving you a comprehensive insight into the way cats behave. This course forms the basis of a more advanced level of knowledge in feline psychology.

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Advanced Feline Psychology

This course delves deeper into the behaviour and psychology of cats, shedding light on some of their more complex and nuanced behaviours. You will undertake a special study to demonstrate your advanced understanding, acquiring invaluable knowledge. We recommend that you complete the Intermediate Feline Psychology course or have equivalent experience before enrolling.

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First Aid - Canine or Feline

These two courses have been designed to give owners the confidence and practical skillset necessary to cope with the everyday injuries a dog or cat might experience, including emergency situations, such as road accidents. These courses provide pet owners and professionals with potentially vital first aid skills.

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Anatomy and Physiology of Cats and Dogs

Ideal for enthusiasts and professionals alike, this course enables students to learn more about the anatomy, structure and metabolism of cats and dogs, in order to better care for them.

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Advanced Canine and/or Feline Care

By combining 3 popular courses, this course gives a detailed insight into canine and feline care to those interested in looking after cats and dogs professionally. It covers best practice on care techniques.

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Advanced Care and Management

This Advanced Short Course explores the physical and psychological development of dogs and cats throughout their lives and covers the effects that a range of factors, including environment and socialisation, can have on their development. Perfect for learners who want to delve deeper into this area, as well as those already working in the animal care sector looking to further their professional development.

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Advanced Health Care for Dogs and Cats

Explore general health care, preventative medicine, alternative medicine and more in this course, designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the physical health and anatomy of cats and dogs.

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Advanced Nutrition for Dogs and Cats

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the nutritional value of different kinds of pet food, and how best to match these values to animals in order to meet their nutritional needs.

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Natural Healing for Dogs and Cats

Learn how to utilise the natural abilities we all have. Healing can help to speed recovery from illness, accidents and all kinds of surgery. It is also a gentle method for helping pets with behaviour problems. The course will teach you how to practice healing professionally should you wish to do so.

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Caring for Animals in Kennels and Catteries

Designed to equip current or aspiring pet care professionals with the expertise they need to deliver a high standard of care in kennels and/or catteries. This extensive course covers topics from record keeping and law to health, ensuring students are prepared to handle any situation they might face.

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Kennel and Cattery Management Diploma

This course prepares aspiring kennel/cattery owners and managers, through study of best practice animal boarding management techniques. It covers essential business techniques, as well as such factors as hygiene and welfare.

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Working and Caring for Animals in Rescue Centres

This Advanced Short Course has been designed to help students negotiate the complex tasks they'll face when working in a rescue centre. Learn best practice animal care techniques, alongside methods for successful interactions with members of the public, colleagues and management. This course covers essential areas of rescue centre work, from caring for animals to conducting home checks with potential owners.

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Re-homing

Learn to negotiate the complex and sophisticated field of re-homing cats and dogs. Develop an awareness of the effects confined environments can have on rescued animals – and the difficulties this might cause for potential owners. This Advanced Short Course will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to handle animals affected by the re-homing process.

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Pet Sitting, Dog Walking and Home Boarding

A Pet Sitter, Dog Walker or Home Boarder has a very important role to play in the care of animals. Not only are they asked to care for a very precious family member, they may also have access to and temporarily live in the owner's home. This course has been designed to give you the skills and knowledge needed to appropriately and confidently handle these responsibilities.

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Dog Breeding

It's vital that those looking to breed dogs have an extensive understanding of best practice and potential risks. This course covers valuable educational techniques to provide you with the knowledge you need to successfully and safely breed dogs.

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Feline Breeding, Birthing and Kitten Care

Gain an understanding of feline breeding – from mating through to caring for kittens. This course promotes appropriate feline breeding conditions, demonstrating the importance of a suitable environment and adequate socialisation.

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Breeding (Advanced Short Course)

An in-depth knowledge and awareness of the issues surrounding animal breeding ensures all animals involved are in the best health. Learn about genetics and the concepts of heritability, dominant, recessive and threshold characteristics, inbreeding, line breeding and out crossing.

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Dog Grooming (Theory)

This course is designed to enhance any practical grooming training an individual may be taking. It enables students to build a depth of theoretical grooming knowledge, so they can inform and improve upon their practical technique.

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Certificate in Showing Dogs

Get the best out of your dog, and gain the confidence and knowhow you'll need to achieve competition success. This course will provide students with insight into canine behaviour, movement and breed, enabling them to achieve their dog's full potential.

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Judging Diploma

This course teaches the basic principles of judging dogs for breed specialists and non-specialists, and equips students with knowledge of structure, movement, conformation and breed type. Our Judging Diploma has been taken by hundreds of people, many of whom are now in the top echelons of judging. In fact, at least eight past students have judged Groups at Crufts.

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Puppy Training Class Instruction

Training is a vital first step in raising a well behaved, well rounded dog. This course is designed to give students the skills and confidence needed to lead these classes, and to contribute to the upbringing of happy and well-trained puppies and older dogs.

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Dog Training Class Instruction (Theory) Part 1

Whether you're looking to become an instructor, or to build on and improve your existing training classes, this course will help you organise and run the best programme possible, using gentle, modern reward methods of training.

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Dog Training Class Instruction (Theory) Part 2

The second part of this course provides the instructor with insight into the interactions between dogs and their owners, and considers the dog's perception of training. The course covers problem definition and prevention, types of classes, the home environment and people as owners.

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Canine Behaviour Counselling (Theory)

Study the psychological processes that might cause a dog's behaviour to become problematic. Students will also be taught a series of remedial techniques, and how they might go about giving the appropriate advice to owners.

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Modern Theories of Canine Behaviour, Psychology and Training

Understand canine behaviour according to contemporary thought, with this course. Cover more than three decades' worth of research in fields including diet, health, behaviour and drug therapy, and acquire skills which will help equip you for a career in canine care.

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Modifying Canine Aggression

This course explores theories behind canine aggression, investigating potential causes and effective treatments, in order to advise trainers and behaviourists as to how best modify problem behaviour. Examine the different forms of canine aggression and learn about conditioning alternative behaviours.

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Behavioural Modification for Professionals

Designed to help those working with dogs to understand, respond to and modify canine behaviour. It covers a range of internal and external stimuli capable of influencing behaviour, in order to understand how best to engage with and alter the way dogs behave. An essential course for any canine care professional.

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Fit For Life – Training, Feeding and Caring for the Family Dog

By studying modern training methods, alongside best practice healthcare techniques, this course enables owners to keep the family dog in peak physical condition. You will cover how best to teach, feed and socialise your dog, in order to ensure its health and happiness.

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Understanding the Family Dog

Whether you're a first-time owner looking to learn, or you've had dogs before and want to build a deeper connection, this course is for you. It covers all bases when it comes to caring for dogs, including diet, dominance and training.

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Canine Welfare and Dogs in Society

This course is ideal for those looking to learn more about the relationship between dogs and their owners, and with wider society. Gain insight into the animal care framework within the UK.

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Good Citizen Dog Scheme Support Course

This is a support course for The Kennel Club's Good Citizen Dog Scheme. This scheme is open to all dogs, young or old, pedigree or crossbreed, KC or non-KC registered. The units have been written to complement and enhance the skills learned whilst undertaking the Kennel Club's scheme.

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Horses



Introduction to Equine Psychology

This course introduces current and future horse owners to contemporary thought on equine psychology. Students will cover everything from environment to attitudes, allowing them to gain insight into how horses think, learn and behave.

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Intermediate Equine Psychology

Expanding upon our introductory level course, this course focuses on the horses' senses, behaviour and learning. It will build upon your existing learning and form the basis of a more advanced level of knowledge.

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Advanced Equine Psychology

This course builds on the foundations laid down in the Introductory and Intermediate courses, with a dynamic and exciting blend of academic study alongside practical fieldwork and observation. Expand your knowledge to a professional level. We recommend that you complete the Intermediate Equine Psychology course or have equivalent experience before enrolling.

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Horse and Pony Care Part 1

This part covers evolutionary process, equine terminology, stabling, grazing, feeding, watering, general care, preventative treatments, parasites and considering financial implications.

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Horse and Pony Care Part 2

This part covers foot care, common ailments, feeding and forage, identifying, using and caring for tack, showing and selling, bathing, clipping, breed standards and transporting.

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Advanced Horse and Pony Care

The way we care for and manage our horses is constantly evolving, with new methods, equipment and regulations frequently introduced. This course is essential for those looking to buy or loan a horse for the first time, or for the first time after some years, and will bring horse owners quickly up to speed. This course covers management, conformation, shoeing, teeth, anatomical and physiological structures and stable vices. We'd recommend you complete our Horse and Pony Care Part 1 and Horse and Pony Care Part 2 courses or a similar level of study before undertaking this course.

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Small Animals



Care and Management of Small Companion Animals

This course is aimed at those looking after small mammals at home, in temporary boarding, or in pet shops prior to sale. It combines essential techniques in housing, feeding and cleaning small animals, with key knowledge about small animal behaviours and characteristics. There is an optional unit for those looking after larger numbers of small animals within the retail environment.

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Caring for Animals – Rabbits

This Advanced Short Course is essential for the pet owner, as well as pet shop managers and assistants in charge of the temporary care and supervision of small animals. It covers a wide range of topics, from physiology and welfare to housing and feeding your rabbit. Perfect for learners who want to delve deeper into this area, as well as those already working in the animal care sector looking to further their professional development.

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Other Courses

Companion Animal Bereavement Counselling

This course – based on detailed research into pet bereavement – has been carefully designed to equip those working in places where pets must be euthanised, with the skills and knowledge needed to relieve the distress of owners. Careers in animal care will inevitably bring you into close contact with those who've loved and lost a pet. Taking this course will enable you to help those people, and their pets, to cope with the effects of bereavement.

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Complementary Therapies for Pets

This course, written by two specialists in the field of complementary and natural therapies, introduces pet owners to the use of natural therapies in the treatment of minor and acute ailments in their pets. While your veterinary surgeon should be the first 'port of call' for any animal health concerns you may have, general health and recovery can be greatly supported and improved by an understanding of alternative therapies.

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Health, Safety, Legal and Associated Issues

This Advanced Short Course covers the essential knowledge and understanding required by anyone working or wishing to work professionally within the animal care sector. Local authorities expect that anyone working professionally with pets will be aware of and understand legal requirements and health and safety legislation. This course is perfect for learners who want to delve deeper into this area.

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Transport and Restraint

This course examines transport and restraint for cats, dogs and other species in depth, and will teach you what the handler needs to know when restraining and moving animals, in order to ensure the experience is as stress free as possible.

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Veterinary Practice Receptionist

Veterinary receptionists are vital members of the team at any practice. As the first point of contact for most clients, the impression they make should not only represent their practice in a positive light, it should be as comforting and informative as possible. This course equips any veterinary receptionist with the skills and knowledge they'll need to represent their practice, and its clients, with a high standard of care.

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Working and Caring for Animals in Pet Shops

This Advanced Short Course will enable pet shop managers and assistants to build on their expertise, and provide evidence to their local authority licensing officer that they know and understand the regulations and complexities of working in the pet care/retail environment.

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Career Pathways

Fast-track your future in animal care, with our expertly curated career pathways.

Each career pathway combines popular individual courses that have been carefully chosen so you can develop your skills and knowledge in your chosen area.

Choosing one of our tailor made pathways means you can benefit from considerable savings compared to if you opted to study the courses individually.

For further details on our pathways, please call our advisors on 01409 220 775 or visit our website: www.animalcarecollege.co.uk

Canine and Feline Career Pathways

- Become a Dog Trainer
- Become a Groomer – Canine
- Become a Home Boarder or Pet Sitter – Feline
- Become a Home Boarder, Dog Walker or Pet Sitter – Canine
- Work in a Cattery
- Work in a Kennel
- Work in a Pet Shop – Canine
- Work in a Pet Shop – Feline
- Work in a Rescue Centre – Canine
- Work in a Rescue Centre – Feline
- Work in a Veterinary Practice – Canine
- Work in a Veterinary Practice – Feline
- Working in Canine Behaviour

Equine Pathways

- Work in a Veterinary Practice – Equine
- Work with Equine Psychology
- Work with Horses and Ponies

Small Animals Pathways

- Work in a Pet Shop – Small Animals
- Work in a Veterinary Practice – Small Animals

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