



### About the Course

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The Companion Animal Care and Training Holiday Course is open to high school students 12 - 17 years old who love animals and want to learn more about caring for them and working in the animal industry. Students gain real-life industry experience and animal care skills in the fun and rewarding environment of the Animal Welfare League Qld.

### Learning Outcomes

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- Knowledge and practical skills in the areas of dog obedience training, hydrobathing and basic grooming.
- Knowledge and skills in the areas of companion animal care including basic vet care and breed identification.
- Understanding the needs of dogs and cats in a refuge facility and how AWL Animal Attendants care for these particular needs on a daily basis.
- Understanding how the AWL rehoming centre functions (including a behind the scenes tour of refuge facilities and animal hospital) and how the AWL assists animals in need within the community.

### Course Overview

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Students work through a range of hands-on and theory components, taught by AWL Education Officers and visiting experts, at the AWL Qld Education Centre in Coombabah. The course is 15 contact hours held over three days (9:30am - 2:30pm per day).

Students are assessed by our Educational Officers through written as well as observational means (Please Note: Teaching and assessment methods may be modified to suit the learning needs of individual students). Those who pass assessment and demonstrate the outcomes of the course receive a certificate and letter of achievement at the end of the course.

### Course Content

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#### Practical components:

Basic Dog Obedience Training Skills  
Practical Cat Care and socialisation  
Dog Hydrobathing and Basic Grooming Skills  
Dog Breed Identification  
Cat Breed Identification

#### Theory components:

Animals and the Law  
Choosing the right dog breed for your lifestyle  
Veterinary Care: Diseases and Parasites  
Puppies to Golden Oldies: Life Stages of Dogs  
Keeping Cats, Dogs & Wildlife Safe  
Responsible Cat Care

### Course Structure

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The course takes a minimum enrolment of 16 students and a maximum of 32. This allows our education officers and instructors to teach to small groups of no more than eight. Students are broken into groups for the duration of the course and rotate through four one hour sessions on each of the four days. An hour each day is allowed for morning break and lunch.

## Course Costs

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The cost of the course is \$132 per student\* for the three days (\$115 for each additional sibling). This price includes all learning materials, course content booklets, assessment materials, dog training and hydrobathing resources and graduation materials.

Please note that lunch is not included and students must bring their own food for each day.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration and payment must be made upfront (please see registration & payment form for details), and finalized at least 10 days prior to commencement date. A minimum enrolment of 16 students is needed for the course to go ahead (please refer to our cancellation and refund policy on the Payment Form).

*\* Prices are subject to change over time and include GST.*

## What you'll need to bring with you

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Students must bring with them:

- Lunch & snacks for morning and afternoon tea
- Bottle of water and/or juice
- Sunscreen & hat

Student must wear:

- Comfortable, closed-in shoes
- Comfortable, casual clothes (that you don't mind getting a bit dirty)
- No jewelry or accessories that could be lost or damaged

## Who do I contact to find out more?

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If you wish to know more about our Companion Animal Care and Training Holiday Course, please contact our Education Division on the details given below:

AWL Qld Rehoming & Education Centre  
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