



ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR AND PSYCHOLOGY

Module 1: Introduction to the Care and Welfare of All Animal Species (Principles of Animal Care, Concepts in Animal Welfare, Signs of Animal Welfare)

The first module serves as a foundational introduction to the overall care and welfare of animals. It delves into the principles that guide animal care, emphasising the ethical and responsible treatment of diverse species. Concepts in animal welfare are explored, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the various factors influencing the well-being of animals. Additionally, the module covers the signs that indicate the welfare status of animals, allowing for early detection of potential issues.

Module 2: Basic Animal Health (Introduction, Checking the health status of an animal, Behavioural Indicators, Stereotypy, Physical Indicators, Physiological Indicators, Animal's Health Factors, Animal Treatments, Microchipping)

This module focuses on the fundamental aspects of animal health. It begins with an introduction to the concept of animal health and progresses to practical methods for assessing an animal's well-being. Students learn to identify health issues through behavioural indicators, stereotypy, and physical and physiological signs. The module also covers factors influencing animal health and introduces common treatments. Additionally, microchipping, a crucial aspect of animal identification and tracking, is explored in detail.

Module 3: Evolution and Ecosystem (Introduction to Evolution and Ecosystem, Theory of Evolution and Natural Selection, Ecology and Ecosystem, Overview of Ecosystems, Difference Between a Biome and an Ecosystem, Ecosystem Interactions Among Organisms)

This module broadens the scope to include evolutionary and ecological perspectives. Students gain insights into the theories of evolution and natural selection, understanding how these principles shape the diversity of animal species. Ecology and ecosystems are explored, providing a comprehensive overview of the interactions among organisms in different environments. The distinction between a biome and an ecosystem is clarified, offering a nuanced understanding of ecological systems.

Module 4: Animal Behaviours (Normal Behaviour for a Dog, Canine Communication, Cat Behaviour, Cats' Communication, Horse Behaviour, Bird Behaviour, Fish Behaviour, Reptile Behaviour)

Module 4 delves into the specific behaviours exhibited by various animal species. It begins with an in-depth exploration of normal behaviour for dogs, covering key aspects of canine communication. The module then extends to cat behaviour and communication, horse behaviour, bird behaviour, fish behaviour, and reptile behavior. By examining the distinctive behavioural traits of each species, students develop a nuanced understanding of how different animals interact with their environments and communicate with each other.

Module 5: Animal Psychology (What is Animal Psychology?, Canine Psychology, Feline Psychology, Equine Psychology, and Bird Psychology)

The final module delves into the psychological aspects of animal behavior. It introduces the concept of animal psychology and explores the unique psychological profiles of various species. Canine psychology is examined, highlighting the cognitive and emotional aspects of dogs. Feline psychology provides insights into the complex behaviours of cats, while equine psychology delves into the mental processes of horses. Bird psychology rounds out the module, exploring the cognitive abilities and behaviours of avian species.

In summary, this Animal Behaviour and Psychology course curriculum provides a comprehensive and structured approach to understanding the care, welfare, health, evolution, behaviours, and psychology of a wide range of animal species. By covering these diverse aspects, students gain a holistic view of the factors influencing animals and develop the knowledge and skills necessary for responsible and ethical animal care. The course equips individuals with the tools to contribute positively to the well-being of animals across various environments and contexts.

