

Individual and Group Courses

creating positive social experiences
between people and animals



Animal Basics Program

Our Animal Basics Program offers unique small group sessions centred around animal interactions.

Participants spend time with a range of rescue animals in care at RSPCA. Basic knowledge of animal behaviour is taught through fun and engaging activities.

This program is open to individuals with a range of abilities and support needs.



Animal Care Program

Our Animal Care Program was designed by experienced carers and animal handlers to deliver a comprehensive foundation for working with animals.

A new aspect of the Animal Care Industry is covered each term including training, health, enrichment and grooming.

Each participant also identifies personal goals, which staff and volunteers assist them to achieve.



Animal Handling Program

Our Animal Handling Program builds on skills learnt in Animal Care Program.

Participants gain additional practical, hands-on experience with a range of shelter animals including dogs, cats, wildlife and farm animals.

This program is delivered using a workplace learning approach and participants are supported to perform valuable shelter tasks.



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Paws in need

Each year, tens of thousands of RSPCA animals spend time waiting to be adopted. They are provided with essential veterinary care but they need as much hands—on time as possible so they feel safe and secure around humans.



Hearts to support

Participants in our programs enjoy rewarding personal development and a sense of purpose as they nurture and care for shelter animals. We offer a range of programs designed to suit individual needs.



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Individual Programs



Our passionate and professional staff and volunteers open the doors to the RSPCA and facilitate unique animal interactions and group based learning.

Our programs are designed to build confidence, new skills, independence and a sense of purpose.

Participants learn to interact with a variety of animals waiting to be adopted. This includes puppies, kittens, dogs, cats, wildlife and farm animals.

Program benefits:

- Social skills and interactions - participants come together in groups and develop friendships with peers who also enjoy caring for animals.
- Fine and gross motor skills - participants learn how to handle and tend to animals using a nurturing approach.
- Everyday life skills - participants learn and practice paying attention, following instructions and modelling tasks.
- Communication and language - opportunities to practice communication skills are a key part of our programs and participants are encouraged to expand their existing methods in our environment and beyond.
- Responsibility and good citizenship - participants contribute to our community by caring for animals in need, being part of a team and supporting community activities.