



<b>Course Code:</b>	DOGS302
<b>Course Cost:</b>	\$120 (inc GST) paid upon enrolment
<b>Delivery:</b>	Online
<b>Badged:</b>	Yes (Upon 100% Completion)

### Course Overview

Welcome to the Caring for Your Working Dogs course. This course covers essential practices for maintaining the health, well-being, and performance of your working dogs, ensuring they remain fit and effective partners on the farm.

The Caring for Your Working Dogs course focuses on the essential aspects of caring for working dogs, ensuring their physical, mental, and behavioural well-being. From proper nutrition and exercise to initial training and veterinary care, this course provides you with the knowledge and skills to keep your working dogs healthy, happy, and ready for the demanding tasks of farm life.

Participants will explore the specific needs of working dogs at various life stages; from puppies through adulthood and into their senior years. You will learn how to adapt your care practices as your dog grows and changes, addressing key elements such as their diet, work-related requirements, and general health maintenance. The course will also cover behavioural issues and how to manage them, ensuring your working dogs are well-balanced and effective in their roles.

This course is ideal for:

- Farmers and shepherds who work with dogs in livestock management
- Dog owners looking to enhance their understanding of working dog care
- Anyone involved in the care and training of working dogs

## Caring for Your Working Dogs Course



This course covers:

- **Introduction to Working Dog Care:** Overview of the physical, mental, and behavioural needs of working dogs, and the role of proper care in ensuring their well-being and performance.
- **Legal obligations:** The Animal Welfare Act 1999 and the accompanying code of welfare states clearly the responsibilities of owners of dogs. We will cover these to ensure you are compliant.
- **Food and Water:** Learn about the specific nutritional and hydration requirements for working dogs, including how to adjust their diet based on age, workload, and health status.
- **Housing and Restraint:** Learn about the minimum standards for care when dogs are not at work.
- **Breeding and Reproduction:** Terms and health issues associated with the breeding cycle are covered in this course.
- **Exercise and Physical Fitness:** Understand the importance of regular exercise for working dogs, how to keep them fit, and ways to prevent overworking and injury.
- **Dog Health:** Explore the basics of preventive veterinary care, including vaccinations, parasite control, and routine health checks to keep your dogs in top condition. The major dog health issues are covered in this course, with information on prevention and treatment.

Upon completion of this course, you will have a solid foundation for managing the health and well-being of your working dogs throughout their lives.