



Course Code:	DOGS303
Course Cost:	\$120 (inc GST) paid upon enrolment
Delivery:	Online
Badged:	Yes (Upon 100% Completion)

Course Overview

Welcome to the Training Working Dogs course. This course focuses on the skills and techniques needed to effectively train working dogs, ensuring they are prepared and responsive to the demands of farm work.

This course is designed to teach the essential skills of dogmanship and stockmanship, focusing on the handling and training of working dogs, such as heading and huntaway dogs. This course provides a balanced approach to training, covering both basic foundational commands for pups or dogs and advanced working commands used in real-world shepherding tasks.

You will learn how to handle your dog effectively, mastering foundational commands and working techniques that ensure your dog responds promptly and confidently. The course will cover commands specific to both heading dogs and huntaway dogs, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of their different roles in managing livestock.

The course highlights the importance of understanding livestock behaviour and the relationship between the handler, the dog, and the livestock.

This course is ideal for:

- Farmers and shepherds looking to improve their working dog training skills
- Dog trainers interested in learning more about livestock management
- Anyone working with heading or huntaway dogs in agricultural settings

Training Working Dogs Course



This course covers:

- **Initial Training:** Overview of basic commands, leash introduction, and bond-building, where you focus on structured training lessons that build trust and communication between you and your pup.
- **Foundational Commands:** Learn essential commands for young dogs, including sit, stay, come, and how to gradually introduce them to working environments.
- **Stockmanship:** Learn about animal behaviours and how livestock respond to dogs and handlers, helping you manage stock more effectively. You will gain an understanding of the hunter and prey species behaviours, and how these impacts upon the relationships between yourself, your dog and the livestock.
- **Working Commands for Heading Dogs:** Understand the specific working commands for heading dogs, focusing on tasks like herding, gathering, and keeping livestock in control.
- **Working Commands for Huntaway Dogs:** Explore the unique commands for huntaway dogs, including driving livestock and managing large herds in more challenging environments.

By the end of this course, you will have the skills to start training working dogs and an understanding of the dynamics between the handler, dog, and livestock.