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| Course Code: | DLH301 Animal Welfare on Farms (Dairy) |
| Course Cost: | \$160 (inc GST) paid upon enrolment |
| Delivery: | Online |
| Badged: | Yes (Upon 100% Completion) |

Course Overview

The Animal Welfare on Farms (Dairy) course is designed specifically for dairy farmers in New Zealand. This course equips participants with the knowledge and practical skills needed to maintain high standards of animal welfare on dairy farms, while meeting both legal requirements and ethical expectations.

The course explores how good animal welfare is a key part of successful dairy farming. It covers the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and the relevant Codes of Welfare for Dairy Cattle, helping farmers understand their responsibilities and apply best practice in everyday farm situations.

You will learn how strong welfare standards improve not only the lives of animals, but also farm safety, productivity, and public trust in the dairy industry.

This course is ideal for:

- Dairy farmers wanting to strengthen their animal welfare practices
- Farm managers responsible for staff training and compliance
- Anyone working with dairy cattle who wants to understand ethical and legal responsibilities

This course consists of:

- **Introduction to Animal Welfare:** An overview of animal welfare principles, ethical farming, and why animal care is central to modern dairy farming.
- **Animal Welfare Law in Dairy Farming:** Understanding the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and Codes of Welfare, including what farmers must do to meet minimum standards.
- **Health, Pain, and Disease Management:** Recognising illness and injury, using pain relief correctly, and managing animal health to prevent suffering.
- **Handling, Housing, and Stockmanship:** Best practice for moving, milking, and managing cattle safely, and how good stockmanship improves welfare and farm outcomes.
- **Nutrition and Water:** Providing cattle with the right feed and clean water to support health, production, and wellbeing.
- **Young Stock and Bobby Calves:** Welfare responsibilities for calves, including care, transport, shelter, and humane treatment from birth.
- **Stress and Behaviour:** Understanding how cattle respond to stress and how good handling, facilities, and routines reduce fear and injury.
- **End-of-Life Care and Euthanasia:** Ethical and legal responsibilities when animals are injured, sick, or need to be humanely put down.

By completing this course, you will be better equipped to care for dairy cattle in a way that is legal, ethical, and practical. You will understand how strong animal welfare supports not just the animals, but also farm reputation, staff safety, and the future of the dairy industry.

Because at the heart of good dairy farming is respect for the animals that make it possible.