



Course Code:	LH302
Course Cost:	\$160 (inc GST) paid upon enrolment
Delivery:	Online
Badged:	Yes (Upon 100% Completion)

Course Overview

Welcome to the Stockmanship course, designed for those eager to learn about livestock behaviour and improve their skills in handling and caring for animals on the farm. This course provides you with the essential knowledge needed to understand the instincts, social dynamics, and behaviours of livestock, ultimately helping you improve animal welfare, efficiency, and overall farm productivity.

Throughout this course, you will dive into the fundamental aspects of stockmanship, from identifying normal and abnormal behaviours to applying the best practices in managing livestock. You will explore how animals interact with their environment, their social groups, and how to spot early signs of illness or stress. With this knowledge, you will be well-equipped to handle animals with confidence and contribute to a safe and productive farm environment.

This course is ideal for:

- Farm workers and managers looking to improve their stock handling skills
- Anyone interested in understanding animal behaviour and welfare
- People working in livestock management, animal care, or veterinary support
- Farmers and landowners who want to improve the welfare of their animals

This course covers:

- **Prey vs Predator Species:** Learn the behavioural differences between prey and predator animals and how these impact their handling.
- **Social Groups:** Discover how livestock form social groups and the impact of group dynamics on handling.
- **Instincts:** Understand key animal instincts, such as food and water seeking, avoiding predators, and maternal behaviours during breeding or calving.
- **Learned Behaviours and Habits:** Explore how animals learn from their environment and experiences and how this influences their behaviour towards humans and surroundings.
- **The Five Senses:** Gain insight into how animals use their senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch) to interact with the world and how you can use this to improve communication with them.
- **Abnormal Behaviours and Health Diagnosis:** Learn how abnormal behaviours can indicate health issues and how to spot early signs of illness.
- **Other Abnormal Behaviours:** Recognise non-health-related abnormal behaviours, such as mismothering, dehydration, or stress.

By the end of this course, you will be able to confidently identify and understand livestock behaviour, recognise when an animal is stressed or unwell, and apply your knowledge to improve handling techniques. You will be better prepared to ensure the welfare of the animals on your farm and help contribute to more productive, effective farm management.