

PET SENSE COLLEGE

2026 COURSE GUIDE



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Welcome to Pet Sense College

Our Mission

At Pet Sense College, we believe education is the foundation of compassionate and effective pet care. We empower students with science-based training methodologies, ensuring the wellbeing of animals while strengthening the bonds between humans and their companions.

Why Choose Pet Sense College?

Over 10+ Years of Industry Excellence

Founded in 2015, Pet Sense College brings more than a decade of expertise in animal behaviour, training, and welfare education. Our curriculum reflects real-world professional experience combined with the latest scientific research in animal behaviour and care.

30+ Comprehensive Courses

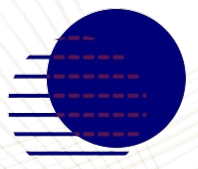
From beginner foundations to advanced professional diplomas, we offer specialised programs across canine, feline, equine, and exotic animal categories—designed to meet students at every skill level and career stage.

Science-Based Methodology

All courses emphasize positive reinforcement techniques and evidence-based practices, aligned with industry standards set by professional bodies including the South African Board of Companion Animal Professionals, the International Association of Behaviour Consultants, and the International Society of Animal Professionals.

Flexible Learning Options

Year-round enrolment, multiple study formats (correspondence, practical, virtual), and customizable payment plans ensure education fits your lifestyle and budget.



How Our Learning Works

Study Methods

Correspondence Courses

Our most flexible option. Study materials are provided, and you complete coursework at your own pace (4 months deadline) from anywhere in South Africa or internationally. Perfect for working professionals and those with busy schedules.

Practical/In-Person Courses

Intensive hands-on training with direct supervision. Available in Johannesburg and Cape Town, these programs combine classroom learning with practical animal handling.

Virtual/Online Courses

Real-time or recorded instruction accessible from anywhere. Combines flexibility with structured learning and direct instructor interaction.

Assessment & Progression

Coursework-Based Evaluation

No traditional exams. Your progress is evaluated through practical coursework, assignments, and project submissions—a more authentic assessment of real-world competency.

Self-Paced Learning

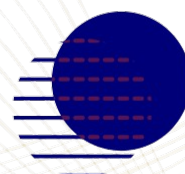
Each module allows up to 4 months for completion, but you control your pace. Most students complete modules in 2-3 months, though you can take longer if needed.

Module Mastery Required

All modules must be passed to successfully complete your course. This ensures comprehensive understanding before progression.

Learning Support

- Structured course materials aligned with industry standards
- Practical resources and case studies
- Community of fellow learners
- Flexible support during your study journey



Enrolment & Practical Information

Who Can Enrol?

General Programs: Anyone can register for most courses. No prior experience required—just passion for animals and commitment to learning.

Advanced Diplomas: Enrolment is limited to students meeting Level 5 (HND/Foundation Degree) requirements or those with substantial prior formal study in related fields. Application through our admissions team is required.

Flexible Payment Options

Pay in Full

Pay the complete course fee upfront for our standard academic courses.

Pay-As-You-Go (Module-Based)

Register and pay for each module as you progress:

- One-time registration fee of R1,390 (R2,290 for Advanced Diplomas)
- Module fees per unit completed
- Spread costs across your study timeline

Flexible Instalments

Customise a payment plan that works for your budget. Contact our enrolment team to discuss options.

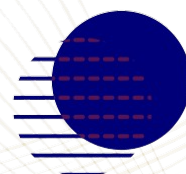
Note on Grooming Courses: Dog grooming courses are available exclusively online through our Professional Dog Grooming Academy partnership and must be purchased directly from our website. No payment plans are available for grooming programs.

Registration & Timeline

Year-Round Enrolment: Register at any time and begin studying when ready—no waiting for course cohorts.

Flexible Start Dates: Begin immediately upon registration or schedule a start date that suits your circumstances.

Study Timeline: Most students complete diploma programs in 6-12 months, depending on pace and course intensity. Certificate courses are typically completed in 2-4 months.



Course Categories Overview

ADVANCED PROGRAMS

Advanced Diploma – Applied Animal Behaviour

This prestigious program is designed for professionals seeking academic credentials equivalent to university-level study (Level 5 HND/Foundation Degree). Delivered across 12 comprehensive modules, this diploma equips graduates with advanced theoretical knowledge required for behaviour consulting and professional advisory roles.

Applied Animal Behaviour (**Canine**), Advanced Diploma – Applied Animal Behaviour (**Feline**), and Advanced Diploma – Applied **Equine** Behaviour. Each programme comprises 12 modules at R22,990 for the full course, or R2,290 registration + R2,200 per module.

Who Should Enrol?

- Experienced trainers seeking academic credentials
- Those aspiring to behaviour consulting positions
- Professionals requiring international professional organisation membership
- Students with HND/Foundation Degree-level prior study or substantial practical experience

Core Topics:

- Learning Theory & Conditioning
- Genetics & Evolution
- Brain Biochemistry & Neurological Function
- Pharmacology (Behavioural Drug Effects)
- Environmental & Internal Influences on Behaviour
- Cognitive Theory & Animal Psychology
- Behavioural Diagnostics & Assessment Methods
- Professional Conduct & Application
- Legal Framework & Case Study Analysis

Study Level: Level 5

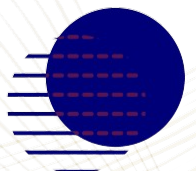
Duration: 12 modules at self-paced rhythm (up to 6 months per module)

Full Course Cost: R22,990 (includes registration & certification)

Instalment Option: R2,290 registration + R2,200 per module

Professional Recognition: Completion qualifies graduates for membership in the Pet Professional Council of South Africa, International Association of Behaviour Consultants, and International Society of Animal Professionals.

For detailed module breakdown and application requirements, visit: www.petsensecollege.co.za/advanced-courses/



CANINE PROGRAMS

With over 15 canine courses, our canine category is our most comprehensive offering, covering everything from puppy training to advanced aggression management.

Professional Practitioner Diplomas

Canine Behaviour and Training Diploma

Combines theoretical understanding with practical training methodology. Perfect for those wanting to train dogs and understand canine behaviour comprehensively.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R10,160 (full) or R1,390 + R1,700 per module

Progressive Dog Trainer Diploma (Practical)

Intensive 3-month practical course with hands-on training in obedience, behaviour shaping, and aggression management.

- **Locations:** Johannesburg & Cape Town in-person, or virtual (nationwide)
- **Cost & Details:** Visit www.petsensecollege.co.za

MHERA™ Certified Trainer (Practical)

Our newest practical certification, offered alongside the Progressive Dog Trainer Diploma. Hands-on trainer certification assessed through coursework and practical application.

- **Locations:** Johannesburg & Cape Town in-person, or virtual
- **Cost & Details:** R7,900 (full course). Visit www.petsensecollege.co.za

Specialised Canine Focus Programs

Canine Aggression Diploma

Comprehensive study of aggression causes, recognition, and safe handling techniques. Essential for any professional trainer.

- **Modules:** 4 | **Cost:** R12,050 (full) or R1,390 + R2,660 per module

Canine Behaviour and Psychology Diploma

Foundation program covering learning theories, instincts, developmental psychology, and behaviour patterns.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R9,620 (full) or R1,390 + R1,495 per module

Canine Communications Diploma

Develop expertise in interpreting canine communication through body language, vocalisations, and scent marking. Invaluable for accurate behaviour assessment.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R9,620 (full) or R1,390 + R1,495 per module

Foundation of Canine Behaviour Management Diploma

Preparatory diploma establishing core knowledge before advancing to specialised or advanced programs.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R11,170 (full) or R1,390 + R1,700 per module



Career-Focused Canine Programs

Dog Walking Qualification Diploma

Professional training for dog walkers covering safe handling, behaviour, emergency procedures, and client communication.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R7,240 (full) or R1,390 + R1,220 per module

Daycare Operator Diploma

Learn to establish and manage professional dog daycare facilities, including welfare standards, group management, and safety protocols.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R11,170 (full) or R1,390 + R1,700 per module

Professional Kennel Operator Diploma

Master kennel management, hygiene standards, animal welfare compliance, and professional customer service.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R9,620 (full) or R1,390 + R1,440 per module

Professional Rescue Dog Handler Diploma

Specialised training in rehabilitation techniques, behavioural assessment, and training strategies for rescue and shelter dogs.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R8,750 (full) or R1,390 + R1,310 per module

Canine Care and First Aid Diploma

Essential first aid, CPR, emergency response, and wound care skills for professional dog handlers.

- **Modules:** 4 | **Cost:** R6,540 (full) or R1,390 + R1,310 per module

Canine Anatomy and Physiology Diploma

Detailed knowledge of canine body systems, health conditions, and physiological processes—essential for trainers working with physical rehabilitation or geriatric dogs.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R9,620 (full) or R1,390 + R1,440 per module

Canine Nutrition Certificate

In-depth understanding of canine nutritional requirements, digestive health, natural and commercial food options, and diet planning for optimal health.

- **Modules:** 2 | **Cost:** R4,225 (full) or R1,390 + R1,490 per module



Specialised Canine Certificates

Puppy Training Certificate

Early puppy development, critical socialisation windows, and positive reinforcement techniques for puppies.

- **Modules:** 4 | **Cost:** R4,400 (full) or R1,390 + R1,600 per module

Introduction to Solving Dog Behaviour Problems Diploma

Comprehensive guide to common behaviour challenges, root cause analysis, learning theory applications, and practical correction approaches.

- **Modules:** 4 | **Cost:** R7,150 (full) or R1,390 + R1,410 per module

Search and Rescue Dog Handler Diploma

Training in search and rescue techniques, scent detection, emergency response, and specialised handler skills (offered in stages).

- **Modules:** 4 per stage | **Cost:** R4,925 (full) or R1,390 + R1,250 per module

Full canine program details: www.petsensecollege.co.za/canine-courses/

FELINE PROGRAMS

Feline behaviour and care differ significantly from canines. Our four specialised feline courses provide essential knowledge for those working with cats.

Feline Behaviour and Psychology Diploma

Comprehensive introduction to feline behaviour, learning theories, communication, instincts, and psychological development.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R7,960 (full) or R1,390 + R1,220 per module

Feline Anatomy and Physiology Diploma

Detailed study of feline body systems, health conditions, and physiological needs—ideal for care, behaviour, or physiotherapy roles.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R8,660 (full) or R1,390 + R1,220 per module

Feline Care and First Aid Diploma

First aid, emergency response, wound care, and health monitoring specific to cats.

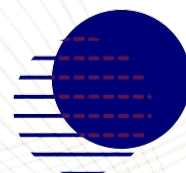
- **Modules:** 4 | **Cost:** R6,535 (full) or R1,390 + R1,310 per module

Feline Nutrition Certificate

Feline nutritional science, digestive health, feeding practices, and species-specific dietary needs.

- **Modules:** 2 | **Cost:** R4,225 (full) or R1,390 + R1,490 per module

Full feline program details: www.petsensecollege.co.za/feline-course/



EQUINE PROGRAMS

Four comprehensive equine programmes serve those working with horses and similar animals.

Equine Behaviour and Psychology Diploma

Foundation in equine behaviour, learning theories, communication, instincts, and psychological development.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R9,620 (full) or R1,390 + R1,440 per module

Equine Studies Diploma

Comprehensive overview of equine evolution, anatomy, behaviour, and care—a broad foundational program.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R8,860 (full) or R1,390 + R1,400 per module

Equine Care and Welfare Certificate

Essential horse care, feeding, grooming, stable management, and health monitoring.

- **Modules:** 2 | **Cost:** R4,830 (full) or R1,390 + R1,910 per module

Advanced Diploma – Applied Equine Behaviour

Advanced study of equine behaviour, learning theory, conditioning, communication, cognition, behavioural assessment and neurological influences, with professional practice and case studies. Entry requires prior study or substantial practical experience.

- **Modules:** 12 | **Cost:** R22,990 (full) or R2,290 + R2,200 per module

Full equine program details: www.petsensecollege.co.za/equine-courses/

COMPREHENSIVE & SPECIALISED PROGRAMS

Beyond canine, feline, and equine, we offer programs in zoology, exotic animals, veterinary support, pet business, and general animal care.

General Animal Care & Welfare

Animal Care, Welfare and Husbandry Diploma

Broad foundation covering care, welfare, and husbandry for dogs, cats, small mammals, birds, reptiles, and fish.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R11,170 (full) or R1,390 + R1,700 per module

Introduction to Zoology Diploma

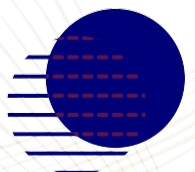
Foundation in zoology covering classification, anatomy, physiology, and behaviour across diverse species.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R7,960 (full) or R1,390 + R1,220 per module

Intermediate Animal Behaviour Diploma

Comparative psychology, cognition, social structures, and environmental influences across species.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R9,620 (full) or R1,390 + R1,440 per module



Exotic & Specialised Care

Care, Welfare and Behaviour of Exotics Diploma

Specialised knowledge for exotic pets including reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R8,900 (full) or R1,390 + R1,310 per module

Herptile Care, Welfare and Husbandry Diploma

Specialised reptile and amphibian care including housing, feeding, temperature management, and health monitoring.

- **Modules:** 4 | **Cost:** R6,535 (full) or R1,390 + R1,310 per module

Small Mammal Care Diploma

Housing, nutrition, handling, welfare and health monitoring for small mammals.

- **Modules:** on application | **Cost:** R8,560 (full) or R1,390 + R1,300 per module

Pet Care Service & Business

Pet Sitter Diploma

Professional training for pet sitters covering house security, animal welfare, first aid, and species-specific care.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R7,960 (full) or R1,390 + R1,220 per module

Pet Care Business Management Diploma

Essential business skills for pet care entrepreneurs: business planning, marketing, financial management, and customer service. Ideal for those starting their own business.

- **Modules:** 4 | **Cost:** R7,999 (full) or R1,390 + R1,700 per module

Veterinary Support Roles

Veterinary Receptionist Diploma

Customer care, appointment scheduling, vaccination protocols, and emergency procedures for veterinary clinic staff.

- **Modules:** 4 | **Cost:** R7,190 (full) or R1,390 + R1,500 per module

Pet Care and Veterinary Practice Assistant Diploma – Part One

Animal health, hygiene, first aid, handling techniques, and veterinary procedures for veterinary clinic roles.

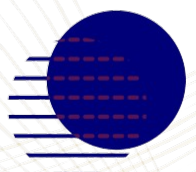
- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R12,845.50 (full) or R1,390 + R2,000 per module

Pet Care and Veterinary Practice Assistant Diploma – Part Two

Advanced veterinary knowledge including disease control, surgical procedures, anaesthesia, and veterinary law.

- **Modules:** 6 | **Cost:** R13,857.50 (full) or R1,390 + R2,200 per module

Full comprehensive program details: www.petsensecollege.co.za/other-animal-courses/



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