

**Animal Welfare (5N0753) & Animal Behaviour (5N0751)**  
**QQI Level 5 Component Awards**

**Structure and Duration:**

Evening adult learning course run over 23 weeks based on one 3 hour (6.30pm-9.30pm) class per week on a Monday evening commencing September 2017 until April 2018

**Cost:** €450.00 per student

**Purpose of Course:**

The purpose of the programme is to prepare participants for a career in the animal care industry and provide a stepping block for those who wish to progress with other studies in animal science, animal behaviour or animal care. Areas of the industry which participants will be prepared for include rescue and rehabilitation centres, kennels, stables, zoo keeping, pet shops or animal sanctuaries. The learners will develop an understanding of the process of domestication of animals and the provisions needed to promote physical and mental well being in domestic and captive animals. They will also equip participants with the knowledge, skills and competence to understand the behavioural strategies of a variety of domestic species and wild animal species and to care for and handle domestic and pet animals appropriately.

**Participant Profile:**

Potential participants are those with an interest in completing a QQI Level 5 certificate in Animal Care and Animal Behaviour; those working within the animal care industry; animal grooming or progressing onto further study in animal science; animal behaviour or animal care.

**Preferred Entry Level:**

- Leaving Certificate or equivalent qualifications and/or relevant life and work experiences.
- A Work Placement and / or access to working with or caring for animals is desirable.

**Course Objectives (Animal Welfare):**

- To explore the processes of evolution which have influenced species diversification and global distribution.
- Create an awareness of animal welfare issues in Ireland and abroad.
- Explore the needs of different species with regard to maintaining animal health.
- Facilitate an understanding of animal welfare legislation in Ireland
- Explore the history of domestication and its impact on behaviour, diet and socialisation of domestic species.

**Course Objectives (Animal Behaviour):**

- To facilitate learner in discussing how animals have adapted and the purpose of different reproductive strategies.
- To explore, observe and interpret a variety of animal behaviours and species scientifically.

**Assesment:**

Combination of Exam 40%, and other assessments 60%.

**Applicants will be invited to attend an Induction Meeting with the course tutor prior to enrolment. This meeting will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sep. between 6.00p.m. and 8.00p.m.**

**Applications must be returned by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**