



## RUV4512A Conduct Companion Animal Training Classes – OFFICIAL COMPETENCY DETAILS

This unit of competency covers the process of conducting training classes for companion animals and their owners. It involves developing, conducting and reviewing training classes that include behavioural training in obedience, agility and socialisation.

Training animals and their owners requires knowledge of different animals and breeds, different training equipment and its use as well as knowledge of different training methods. It also requires communicating with and directing animal owners during classes. Training will be conducted in-group sessions with animals and owners and will generally take place in public open spaces.

In addition to legal and ethical responsibilities, all units of competency in the Animal Care and Management Training Package have the requirement for animals to be handled gently and calmly. The individual is required to develop an empathetic understanding of animals in their care, so that stress and discomfort can be minimised.

The work functions in the unit involve the identification and application of knowledge and skills to a wide variety of contacts with depth in some areas. One would be expected to identify, analyse and evaluate information from a variety of sources, take responsibility for one's own outputs and have limited responsibility for the quantity and quality of output of others.

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<p><b>1. Develop Class training plans</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Research is conducted to explore community and client requirements for classes and to determine current acceptable training methods</li> <li>1.2. Behavioural traits range of breeds are researched</li> <li>1.3. Training strategies to achieve desirable behaviours are determined</li> <li>1.4. Training classes to be held are determined in accordance with organisational requirements and community and client needs</li> <li>1.5. Class training plans are developed in accordance with organisational requirements and goals of training classes to be held</li> </ul>

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<p><b>2. Advertise the training classes</b></p>	<p>2.1 Venues &amp; equipment for training classes determined, evaluated and prepared                  2.2 Documents are prepared that itemise costs involved in training classes                  2.3 Advertising materials are prepared and distributed in accordance with organisational requirements                  2.4 Bookings for classes are taken and enquiries responded to appropriately</p>
<p><b>3. Conduct training classes</b></p>	<p>3.1 Appropriate training equipment is selected and used in accordance with training plans                  3.2 Training is conducted in accordance with training plans, industry best practise standards, including animal welfare and ethics requirements                  3.3 Behaviour of individual breeds and interaction between breeds is observed and managed to minimise stress on animals, owners and class participants                  3.4 Training equipment is maintained and stored in accordance with training plan                  3.5 Progress of class participants is discussed with them                  3.6 Training plans are reviewed and updated as required                  3.7 Records are maintained in accordance with training plans and organisational Policies &amp; procedures</p>
<p><b>4. Instruct classes in ongoing training maintenance</b></p>	<p>4.1 Strategies to achieve short and medium-term conditioning objectives are discussed with classes                  4.2 Advice on longer-term objectives is provided to classes                  4.3 Advice is provided to classes as required on animals dietary, exercise and maintenance requirements in accordance with training plans</p>

**Total hours:** Estimated 80 hours+, including a minimum of 20 hours' practical\* and an estimated 20 hours home study  
 Delivered over 8 weekends: 8 theory/simulation Saturdays from 9.00 am-5.30 pm in Burwood and hands-on practical sessions from 930 am-1 pm in Burwood where you will be conducting companion animal training classes with dogs and owners that you have not met before – as you would when operating obedience classes yourself. Additional class opportunities on Wed / Thu nights from 630-830pm. This course requires a 100% attendance level.

\* The practical hours listed refer to you training others with their dogs – and some training of fellow students and their dogs. It does not include the practical time spent training you and your dog, and/or you training your dog, which is interwoven in the course and forms part of practice and assessments etc.

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