

VET READY™ PROGRAMME PARTICIPATION & PROGRAMME INFORMATION

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1. ABOUT VET READY™

Vet Ready™ is a free, progressive learning programme designed to help guardians develop practical veterinary life skills with their canine or feline companions.

The programme focuses on gradual, welfare-centred preparation for veterinary handling, examinations, transport and routine care. It is designed to help animals develop communication, choice, confidence and cooperative-care skills before they are faced with situations where these skills may be needed.

Vet Ready™ is an educational training programme and does not replace veterinary care, diagnosis, treatment or professional veterinary advice.

2. FREE PROGRAMME PARTICIPATION

Participation in the Vet Ready™ programme is free of charge.

Participants may access the available live webinars, recorded sessions, learning resources and downloadable materials without payment.

Participation is entirely voluntary. There is no requirement to complete the full programme, attend every live session or undertake an assessment.

Participants may stop attending the programme whenever they choose.

There is no cancellation process required for participation in the free programme.

3. PROGRESSIVE LEARNING

Vet Ready™ is designed as a progressive programme, with each module building on skills and knowledge introduced previously.

Participants are encouraged to progress at a pace appropriate to their individual animal. Animals should not be rushed through the programme simply to reach a particular module, skill or assessment.

If a live webinar is missed, participants can use the available recorded session to catch up before continuing with the programme.

Participants may also remain with the programme and join live sessions again from the

beginning. Repeating sessions can provide valuable opportunities to practise, consolidate learning and build confidence.

4. OPTIONAL AWARDS & ASSESSMENT

Vet Ready™ Awards are completely optional.

Participants may take part in the programme simply to improve their knowledge and develop their animal's veterinary life skills without completing an Award.

Participants who wish to work towards an Award can begin collecting evidence after completing Module 3 and continue developing their Skills Portfolio throughout the programme.

The available Awards are:

- Foundation Award – Modules 1-3
- Essentials Award – Modules 1-7
- Advanced Award – Modules 1-9

Assessment and certification fees apply only when a participant chooses to submit for an Award.

Current assessment and certification fees are displayed within the Vet Ready™ Awards programme information.

Payment of an assessment fee does not guarantee certification. Certification is awarded where the submitted evidence meets the relevant Vet Ready™ assessment criteria.

5. SKILLS PORTFOLIO & EVIDENCE

Participants working towards an Award are encouraged to collect evidence progressively throughout the programme.

Evidence may include:

- Short video recordings of training sessions.
- Demonstration of relevant skills.
- Evidence of progression over time.
- Skills demonstrated in different environments where appropriate.
- Training records and observations.

Evidence should be collected across different training sessions rather than attempting to recreate the entire training journey solely for assessment.

The downloadable Skills & Evidence tracking documents provided through the Members Hub are intended to help participants monitor their progress.

6. WELFARE-CENTRED TRAINING

Vet Ready™ is based on the principle that animals should be given appropriate opportunities to communicate, participate and disengage during training.

Training should be adapted according to the individual animal.

If an animal shows signs of fear, distress, pain, significant discomfort or a need for a break, training should be paused, adapted or stopped as appropriate.

An animal should never be forced to perform a behaviour solely to obtain an Award or certification.

Assessment considers the quality of participation, communication, emotional state and recovery, rather than simply whether an animal can physically perform a behaviour.

7. VETERINARY CARE

Vet Ready™ does not replace veterinary assessment or treatment.

Participants should seek appropriate veterinary advice where an animal has a medical, physical, behavioural or welfare concern.

Training should not be used to delay necessary veterinary care.

Where an animal is experiencing pain or illness, training requirements should be adapted appropriately and veterinary advice should be sought where necessary.

Clinical procedures should never be undertaken solely for the purpose of obtaining Vet Ready™ certification.

Where veterinary or veterinary-nurse observation and sign-off is required for a Clinical Confidence pathway, this should take place in connection with a genuine clinical or husbandry need for the procedure.

8. CLINICAL CONFIDENCE PATHWAYS

Clinical Confidence Awards are optional specialist pathways designed to prepare animals for specific veterinary or husbandry procedures.

These include:

- Blood Sampling Confidence
- Temperature Check Confidence
- Vaccination & Injection Confidence

- Eye Care Confidence
- Ear Care Confidence
- Dental Care Confidence
- Nail Care Confidence

Clinical Confidence assessment and certification fees are separate from participation in the free Vet Ready™ programme.

Where appropriate, training may take place at home through gradual preparation and supporting video evidence.

Some pathways require veterinary or veterinary-nurse observation and sign-off. This will be identified within the relevant Clinical Confidence Evidence & Assessment Record.

Nail Care Confidence may be demonstrated through appropriate home training and video evidence where the guardian is confident to undertake the care themselves, or through veterinary practice observation where the guardian requires support.

Routine home dental-care preparation does not require veterinary sign-off unless otherwise specified.

9. VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Where veterinary professional involvement is required, the role of the veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse is to observe and/or confirm the relevant clinical or husbandry behaviour where appropriate.

Veterinary sign-off does not itself constitute Vet Ready™ certification.

Final assessment and certification decisions are made by the Vet Ready™ assessor against the relevant criteria.

10. THIRD-PARTY RESOURCES

Vet Ready™ may provide links to third-party educational resources, including videos hosted on platforms such as YouTube.

These resources are provided as supplementary learning materials. They are hosted and controlled by third parties, and The A.B.C. is not responsible for changes to, removal of or content within third-party resources.

Participants should use their judgement when following any third-party resource and should always prioritise their animal's individual welfare and needs.

11. COURSE MATERIALS & COPYRIGHT

Vet Ready™ course materials, written resources, downloadable documents, presentation materials and other original content produced by The A.B.C. remain the intellectual property of The A.B.C. unless otherwise stated.

Materials are provided for the personal educational use of Vet Ready™ participants.

They must not be reproduced, commercially distributed, resold, substantially copied, uploaded to other platforms or presented as the participant's own work without prior written permission.

Third-party materials remain the property of their respective owners.

12. PROGRAMME CHANGES

The A.B.C. may make reasonable changes to the Vet Ready™ programme where necessary, including changes to webinar dates, speakers, supporting resources, module content or the availability of third-party resources.

Where reasonably possible, participants will be informed of significant changes in advance.

Because Vet Ready™ is provided free of charge, access to a particular live session or resource cannot be guaranteed indefinitely.

13. INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Every animal is an individual.

Progress through Vet Ready™ may vary considerably between animals depending on factors including previous experiences, learning history, environment, temperament, age, physical condition and individual preferences.

The programme does not require every animal to progress at the same speed or achieve every skill in exactly the same way.

Where appropriate, alternative behaviours or adaptations may be used to support the individual animal.

14. CERTIFICATION

Vet Ready™ certification recognises the skills and evidence demonstrated by an animal and guardian partnership at the time of assessment.

Certification does not guarantee that an animal will remain comfortable in every future veterinary situation or that the animal will never display fear, distress or other behavioural responses.

Veterinary environments and procedures can change, and animals may respond differently depending on their physical health, pain, previous experiences, environment and circumstances at the time.

Continued practice and appropriate maintenance of learned skills are encouraged.

15. ACCEPTANCE OF PROGRAMME INFORMATION

By participating in Vet Ready™, participants acknowledge that they have read and understood this Programme Information and agree to participate responsibly and in accordance with the welfare-centred principles of the programme.

Participants are responsible for ensuring that training activities are appropriate for their individual animal and for seeking veterinary advice where required.

Vet Ready™ is designed to support guardians in developing veterinary life skills – not to rush animals towards a certificate. The welfare, communication and emotional wellbeing of the animal remain the priority throughout the programme.

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