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Member Education Series

Breeder training course

The Breeder Training Course has been designed by Animal Welfare Victoria to provide a basic level of education to owners, managers and other staff in breeding and rearing businesses. It is also open to the general public. GCCFV consider this an invaluable training tool for those about to start breeding, and completion of the course is necessary to apply for a breeding prefix.

The course can be found at the link

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/community-and-education/breeder-training-course>

The course is free, and meets the minimum training requirements set out in the Code of Practice for the Operation of Breeding and Rearing Businesses (2014).

The Breeder Training Course covers 7 main topics:

- Section 1 – Introduction
- Section 2 – Husbandry and care
- Section 3 – Developing a breeding program
- Section 4 – Getting pregnant
- Section 5 – The pregnancy
- Section 6 – Birthing a litter
- Section 7 – Raising a litter.

Completion certificate and tests

Breeders taking the course will create a unique account using an email address and a password.

This will allow you to log in and work through the course at your own pace. Progress can be saved so that you don't have to complete the course in one session - the course can be finished over multiple sessions.

Each section has assessments that must be completed with a pass mark of 90% or more. A certificate will be generated and emailed to the participant when they have passed the course.

A copy of the certificate must be submitted with an application for a prefix, and can be printed if required. The certificate should be kept as evidence of completion and competency.

If you have any feedback or questions please email: pet.welfare@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Hardcopy course booklets

Hardcopy booklets containing the course content are also available.

If you would like a copy of the booklet mailed to you please contact Animal Welfare Victoria on 136 186 or email: pet.welfare@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Please note: Test questions are not printed in the booklet. To obtain a completion certificate as part of your breeder application you will need to take the online course.

The booklet may be useful for people in remote areas where internet access can be difficult.

You can buy the booklet and read through the entire course content before starting the online training to take the tests to get a certificate of completion.