

Cap 139b Training Course Syllabus



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislation relating to dogs in Hong Kong:• Prevention of Cruelty Cap. 169• Animal Trading and Breeding Cap. 139B• Licensing and Control of dogs – Cap. 421 and 167
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal welfare and ethics of the pet trade:• What is welfare?• Why is welfare important?• The five freedoms• How can we ensure good welfare?• Mutilations, in breeding and genetic issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic requirements of dogs:• Basic nutrition• Housing and environment• Exercise• Social contact and play; behavioural enrichment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hygiene:• Link between hygiene, welfare and disease• Common infectious diseases• Types of disinfectants• Cleaning of housing and environment• Cleaning of utensils• Frequency of cleaning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic healthcare:• Signs of good health• Signs of illness and when to seek professional advice• How to give medicines (oral and topical)• How to perform a basic examination including temperature
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First aid:• Wounds and haemorrhage• Hyperthermia and hypothermia• Fractures and trauma• Toxins• Shock
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grooming:• Bathing• Ear and eye cleaning• Nail clipping• Hair trimming
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handling and Basic Training:• Correct lifting of dogs• Correct use of a collar, leash, harness and muzzle• How to behave around dogs to avoid bites• Positive reinforcement

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genetics:• Basic genetics and concept of heritability• Common inherited diseases• Responsible breeding practice and avoiding genetic diseases
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mating:• Age and frequency of breeding• The female cycle, detection of oestrus and when/how to mate• Factors affecting male fertility• Pregnancy diagnosis (overview) and duration of pregnancy• Care of the pregnant dog
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whelping:• Housing and environment for whelping• Normal delivery• Dystocia – how to detect and how to deal with• Common whelping problems• Care of the bitch after whelping
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care of neonates:• Importance of colostrum• How to detect problems in neonatal puppies• Bottle feeding technique
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Socialisation of puppies:• Why proper socialisation is vital• When should socialisation occur• How to properly socialise puppies• Basic concepts of common behavioural problems and how to help to avoid them
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infectious disease and disease control:• Common infectious diseases• Measures to prevent disease outbreaks• Measures to be taken in the event of a disease outbreak
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preventative care:• Vaccination: what, when and why• Endoparasites – life cycle, effects and prevention• Ectoparasites – lice, fleas, ticks and mites• Heartworm
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dog breeds:• Common breeds in Hong Kong• Characteristics of different breeds• Common problems associated with different breeds• Different requirements of small and large breed dogs• Dangerous dog legislation