

Member Education

Breeder training course

The Breeder Training Course has been designed by Animal Welfare Victoria to provide a basic level of education to owners in breeding and rearing practices. FCCV believes this course is invaluable for those wanting to start breeding. Most importantly, completion of the course is necessary to apply for a breeding prefix with FCCV.

The course can be found at the link <u>https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-</u>welfare-victoria/community-and-education/breeder-training-course

The course is 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.

You will be able 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.

Hard copy booklets are available if preferred by contacting Animal Welfare Victoria on 136 186 or email: pet.welfare@agriculture.vic.gov.au The course must be completed online.

A copy of the Breeders Course certificate must be submitted to FCCV with an application for a prefix. A copy of the Cat Ownership Course Certificate must be submitted to the FCCV with an application for membership.

The certificate should be printed and placed with your records.