

Adult education

Animal care

Courses for ages 16 years +



Message from the lead farm tutor

At Frampton Farm, we believe that learning should be hands-on, meaningful, and rooted in real experiences.

Our farm provides a supportive and inclusive environment where students of all abilities can develop practical skills, confidence, and a sense of achievement. From caring for animals to growing plants and maintaining the land, every day offers new opportunities to learn and contribute.

We are proud to see our students flourish—whether they are working towards qualifications, building independence, or discovering their passion for the land-based sector.

Frampton Farm is more than just a place to learn; it's a community where everyone is valued and encouraged to reach their potential.

Courses

- Respect – for people, animals, and the environment.
- Inclusivity – providing opportunities for learners of different abilities and backgrounds.
- Responsibility – encouraging care, teamwork, and pride in every task.
- Growth – supporting personal development, confidence, and lifelong learning.
- Community – fostering a supportive, welcoming environment where everyone belongs.

Warm regards,

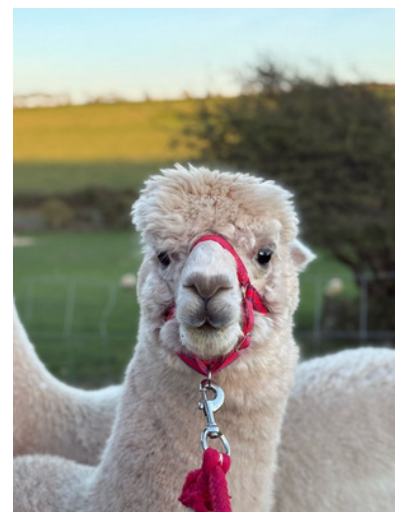
Karen Friend

Director and farm owner



Mission

1. To provide inclusive, practical learning experiences that build confidence, independence, and real-world skills.
2. To inspire respect and care for animals, nature, and the environment through hands-on education.
3. To support every learner in achieving their personal goals and reaching their full potential.



About us



Our Farm





Outdoor Learning Environment

Frampton Farm offers an engaging outdoor learning environment where students can develop practical skills. Our diverse farm setting includes fields, animal enclosures, gardens, a horticulture area, a barn, and polytunnels, providing abundant opportunities for hands-on learning.

Indoor Learning Environment

In addition, we provide dedicated classroom spaces for theory-based learning, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience that combines practical skills with knowledge. Students have the flexibility to complete their coursework using laptops or by hand, and we provide printouts to minimise unnecessary writing, allowing them to focus on learning effectively. We also offer online learning for those who are more comfortable learning at home.

The Farm Team

Our team is a diverse mix, with experience ranging from farming and teaching to working in SEN and SEMH schools, bringing a wide variety of skills and perspectives to support our students.

Farm Facilities *and* Environment





The Farm Location

We are located in Church Hougham between Folkestone and Dover, with easy access by car or Stagecoach bus. A bus stop is situated at the bottom of the road.

Address

Frampton Farm, Hougham Court Lane, Church Hougham,
Kent CT15 7AF

Farm Size

Frampton Farm is set on 26 acres of land, providing students with a spacious, authentic environment to develop real practical skills.

The site allows learners to work hands-on with a variety of animals, experience genuine farm routines, and take part in land-based tasks that mirror industry practice.



Our animals

Our farm is home to over 200 animals across a wide range of species, giving students valuable experience in caring for and working alongside many different types of animals. This variety helps broaden their skills and confidence in real-world animal care settings.

Large animals

Cows
Alpaca
British Lop Pigs

Medium sized animals

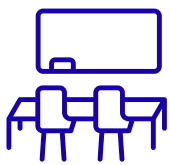
Over 10 breeds of sheep
Lithuanian mini pigs
Boer goats
Pygmy goats
KuneKune pet pigs

Small animals

Chickens
Ducks
Rabbits
Guinea Pigs
Tortoise

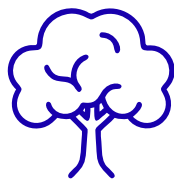


*From barn to classroom –
Frampton Farm gives you the
skills to succeed!*



Classrooms

We have three dedicated classrooms where students can focus on their theory-based learning.



Outdoor Learning

We have outdoor learning spaces designed for hands-on experience in animal husbandry and horticulture.



Farm buildings

We have a variety of farm buildings, stables, and polytunnels that provide hands-on learning opportunities.

Our Adult Education Courses





Adult education at Frampton Farm

Whether you're starting a new career, developing practical skills, or pursuing a passion for animals, our Animal Care courses are designed to fit around your lifestyle.

We offer flexible learning options combined with hands-on experience, ensuring you gain both knowledge and real-world skills.

Courses available

We offer a range of qualifications suitable for beginners and those looking to progress:

- Level 2 Certificate in Animal Care
- Specialist short courses in Animal Health, Husbandry & Handling

Who Are These Courses For?

Our courses are ideal for:

- Adults returning to education
- Career changers
- Animal owners wanting to improve knowledge
- Those preparing for work in animal care settings

No previous experience is required for all courses.

Why choose us?

- Supportive and experienced tutors
- Flexible study options to suit your lifestyle
- Real-life farm experience
- Focus on animal welfare and best practice
- Small group sizes and online course options for personalised learning



Study options

Practical Farm-Based Learning

Learn directly in a real animal care environment. Our on-site sessions give you the opportunity to:

- Handle and care for a variety of animals
- Carry out routine health checks
- Develop safe handling and welfare practices
- Build confidence through hands-on experience

Perfect for learners who prefer learning by doing.

Online Learning Options

Study from home with our flexible online courses:

- Access learning materials anytime
- Submit assignments digitally
- Receive tutor support and feedback
- Ideal for those with work or family commitments

You can learn at your own pace while still gaining a recognised qualification.

Hybrid Courses (Best of Both)

Our hybrid courses combine:

- Online theory learning
- In-person practical sessions on the farm

This option allows you to:

- Study flexibly
- Apply your knowledge in real-life situations
- Gain practical experience alongside theory

SHORT COURSE QUALIFICATIONS

Suitable for learners 16 years plus

We offer a range of short courses focused on sheep, goats, pigs, cows or poultry. These sessions are ideal for new animal owners or learners who want to explore animal care before committing to a longer course.

Each course focuses on a specific animal species and gives learners a clear understanding of its care requirements, including housing, social behaviour, feeding, husbandry, safe handling, and routine health checks.

Study on the farm or online with assessments done on the farm.

Entry Requirements

Ages 16 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

You will cover the below criteria for your chosen animal species. Sheep, Goats, Pigs, Cows or Poultry.

Unit examples

Animal housing and social groupings

Feeding animals

Animal husbandry tasks and ethics

Handling and basic health checks

Animal welfare



Short

City & 
Guilds

Courses

Level 2
qualifications



Level 2 Certificate of competence in Animal Health, Husbandry & Handling (Choice of sheep, goats, pigs, cows, poultry).

Each course combines practical and theoretical learning, equipping you with the essential skills and knowledge to begin and manage your own animals. Learners also have the opportunity to achieve a City & Guilds Technical Competence Certificate in animal health, husbandry, and handling. Courses are delivered twice a year, timed to coincide with key points in the farming calendar, such as birthing and breeding seasons, to provide relevant, hands-on experience.

On farm courses run over five weeks, with one session per week.

Alternatively, the course can be taken as a **hybrid option** at any time of year. Learners complete the theory online and attend the farm for one practical session and assessment.

What you will learn:

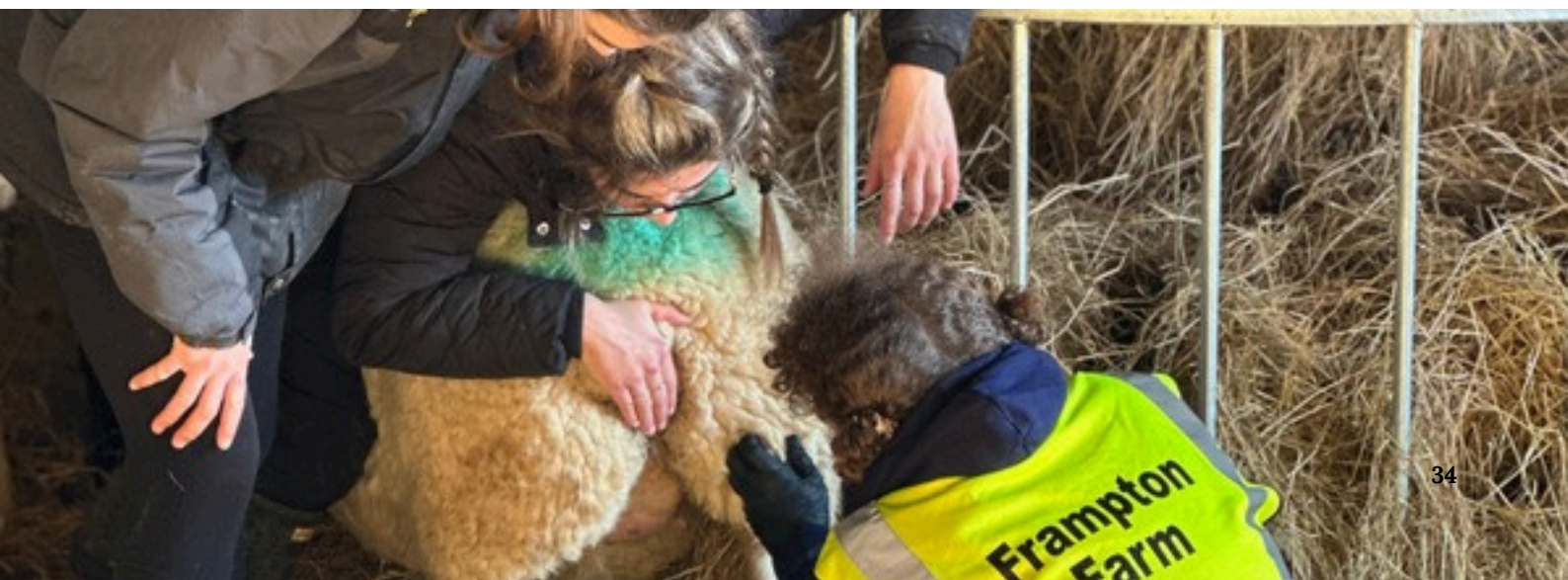
Animal Health: Routine health care checks, preventative treatments, foot care, parasite control, vaccination

Feeding: Nutrition, types of feed, when to supplement feed, additional vitamins and minerals.

Housing: Accommodation, bedding, cleaning

Handling: Animal handling and moving.

Animal Welfare: Learn the laws on keeping sheep, know their welfare needs and more



Level 2 Certificate of competence in Animal Health, Husbandry & Handling (For your chosen animal sheep, goat, pig, cow or poultry)

How you will learn & be assessed

This course is delivered through a blend of theory-based learning, practical demonstrations, and hands-on experience, supported by some classroom-based teaching. Learners studying via our hybrid option will access theory through Moodle, including video demonstrations of practical skills.

For on-farm learning, the theory is completed online, with practical elements delivered through demonstrations and supervised hands-on activities. Key course materials are provided to take home, reducing the need for extensive note-taking.

To achieve the City & Guilds certificate, you will complete assessments which can be done on the farm covering four areas:

Task A: Carry out a full clean of animal housing (practical assessment and oral questioning)

Task B: Provide appropriate food and water for your chosen animal (practical assessment and oral questioning).

Task C: Move animals between enclosures (practical assessment)

Task D: Perform a health check and carry out preventative care on your chosen animal (practical assessment and oral questioning).





Course Duration & Itinerary Farm Based Learning Route.

This course runs over 5 days usually on a Saturday or Sunday, with each day offering a varied mix of theory and hands-on practical learning. Below is a typical daily schedule:

Weekly Course Outline

Week 1

Farm tour - Health & safety, legislation and the Animal Welfare Act (theory) animal nutrition

Week 2

Animal feeding practical and oral assessment, housing theory, housing practical activities

Week 3

Housing practical and oral assessment, animal handling and moving theory, animal handling and moving practical activities

Week 4

Animal handling and moving practical assessment, health care and disease prevention theory, health care and prevention practical activities

Week 5

Animal health care and prevention practical and oral assessment, Seasonal practical animal work, which may include bringing animals in from fields, foot bathing, dagging/crutching, and flystrike prevention



Course Duration & Itinerary Hybrid Learning

This course is delivered online and takes approximately 15 - 20 hours to complete, plus one full day on the farm. You will be provided with all learning resources through Moodle, including practical demonstration videos, allowing you to study at a time that suits you.

Once you have completed the theory, we will arrange a mutually convenient day for your on-farm session. During this visit, you will take part in demonstrations and hands-on practice before completing your practical and oral assessments later that day.

Online Course Outline

This course is divided into key topic areas to give you a well-rounded understanding of animal care:

Health & Safety and Animal Welfare

Learn how to work safely around animals while meeting legal and ethical welfare standards. This includes risk assessments, safe working practices, and recognising signs of stress or poor welfare.

Nutrition

Understand the basics of animal nutrition, including different dietary needs, feeding routines, and how to provide a balanced diet to maintain health and condition.

Health Checks & Husbandry

Develop skills in carrying out routine health checks, identifying signs of illness, and maintaining good daily care practices such as grooming, cleaning, and monitoring wellbeing.

Handling and Housing

Learn safe and effective animal handling techniques alongside suitable housing requirements, ensuring animals are kept in environments that promote comfort, safety, and good health.

Full

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Courses

Level 2 Certificate in
Animal Care



Level 2 Certificate in Animal Care

This City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate Animal Care course is designed to develop the practical skills and knowledge needed to support animal health and welfare. Combining online theory with hands-on experience, you will gain confidence in carrying out routine care tasks, including health checks, feeding, and safe handling.

Ideal for beginners or those looking to formalise their experience, this course provides a recognised qualification and a strong foundation for progressing within the animal care sector.

On farm courses run one day per week on Saturdays for approx 20 weeks starting in September for post 16 age students.

Alternatively, the course can be taken by adults as a **hybrid option** at any time of year. Learners complete the theory online which takes approx 100 hours and attend the farm 4-6 times practical session and assessment.

What you will learn:

Unit 201 – Maintain Animal Health and Welfare

In this unit, you will learn how to monitor and maintain animal health and wellbeing. This includes carrying out routine health checks, recognising signs of illness or injury, and understanding how to respond appropriately while following safe working practices and promoting good welfare.

Unit 202 – Undertake Practical Animal Feeding

This unit focuses on the practical skills required to feed animals safely and effectively. You will learn how to prepare and provide appropriate diets, use feeding equipment correctly, and maintain hygiene throughout the feeding process, ensuring the nutritional needs and wellbeing of the animals are met.



Level 2 Certificate Animal Care

How you will learn & be assessed

This course is delivered through a blend of theory-based learning, practical demonstrations, and hands-on experience, supported by some classroom-based teaching.

Learners studying via our hybrid option will access theory through Moodle, including video demonstrations of practical skills as well as attending the farm for hands on learning. Those studying online only need access to animals and the ability to live stream videos to tutors for assessment.

For on-farm learning, the theory is completed in class, with practical elements delivered through demonstrations and supervised hands-on activities. Key course materials are provided to take home, reducing the need for extensive note-taking.

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Level 2 Certificate Animal Care

Assessments

There are a number of assessments, including a combination of written assignments and practical assessments.

Written assessments:

- Recognise signs of normal and abnormal health in animals
- Outline the current animal welfare legislation and how these relate to daily regimes
- Describe the care and husbandry requirement in relation to the five animal needs
- Describe common diseases, their prevention, signs and treatments
- Describe common disorders, their signs and treatments
- Describe first aid procedures for common animal injuries
- Plan diets for selected animals according to life stage and specific nutritional needs
- Report on problems likely to occur with providing inadequate or inappropriate diet to animals

Practical assessments:

- Carry out routine health checks on animals
- Carry out appropriate routine preventative treatments for animals
- Describe the contents of an animal first aid box
- Identify the main principles of animal first aid
- Feeding & monitoring food and water intake

Practical Assessment Methods

- **Farm-based:** All assessments take place on the farm using our animals.
- **Hybrid:** All practical assessments are completed on the farm with our animals.
- **Online:** You must have access to animals and equipment suitable for your chosen animal and assessment criteria and be able to live stream your assessments so your tutor can observe, assess, and sign off your competence.



Enrol today

We offer a range of options. Our mixed group on farm courses begin in September, while Hybrid and online courses can start at any point throughout the year.

How to apply individuals

Email: education@framptonfarm.co.uk

Our Students Speak



“I absolutely love the course, it’s fun, interesting and a perfect mix of practical and theory! I love my tutors and it is never a chore coming here. I will be sad when it is over”

Eve

Level 2 Animal Care



“Staff are so friendly and helpful! I do the animal care and staff are amazing teachers, it has really improved my confidence. Overall just a fantastic place 10/10 recommend!!

Tallulah

Level 2 Animal Care



“The staff are very supportive and friendly and i am learning lots of information through this course which helps me understand animals a lot better.!

Annabelle

Level 2 Animal Care



I appreciate Sophia & Karen’s patience and understanding if you don’t understand work or are struggling with it. I like the chickens

Tedi

Level 2 Animal Care



The knowledge and skills I’ve gained have been incredible. As a result of completing the course, I’ve secured a job on the farm where I can put what I’ve learned into practice.

Tracy

Level 2 Animal Care



I’m really enjoying the animal care course and the staff are really friendly, and the animals are really friendly as well.

Millie

Level 2 Animal Care & Work Experience



Your learning, your pace, your future

Course fees

Short Courses

- Farm-based learning: £350 + City & Guilds registration fee (£36, subject to change)
- Hybrid learning: £199 + City & Guilds registration fee (£36, subject to change)
- After completing a hybrid course, you can choose to take another short course for a different animal and save £50 off the hybrid course fee, with no additional City & Guilds registration fee.

Level 2 Certificate in Animal Care

- Farm-based mixed group learning: £50 per session, payable monthly in advance (approximately 20 sessions)
- Hybrid learning: £999 (payable over 6 monthly instalments) + City & Guilds registration fee (£138.10, subject to change)
- Online course: £750 (payable upfront) + City & Guilds registration fee (£138.10, subject to change)

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Growing Skills,
Shaping Futures

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