



About Battersea Academy

Battersea Academy was established to help support the professional development of staff and volunteers in rescues and rehoming organisations in the UK and around the world.

It delivers a range of animal welfare and non-animal welfare content, suitable for staff and volunteers across all areas of the organisation, no matter what their position or experience. For organisations with an annual income of less than £5,000,000, there is **no cost** to attend the training. Eligible organisations can also apply for a bursary to cover travel, accommodation, and subsistence, if attending a course at a Battersea site.

Each rescue is assigned a dedicated Account Manager who will work with them to identify relevant learning opportunities that will expand their team's knowledge and support the organisation's sustainability.

Types of Learning Opportunities

We recognise that people have personal preferences on how they learn and that for many, time is a precious commodity. To ensure that our training appeals to as many people as possible, we use a mix of presentations, group discussions, self-reflection, and practical exercises.

- **Face-to-face training** – From autumn 2023, we will be hosting an applied week of learning on-site to provide learners with an opportunity to put their newly learned theory into practice and learn from Battersea's expert practitioners. Previous Intensive course attendees, as well as those that successfully complete our online series of Introduction to Shelter Management modules will be eligible to apply.
- **Online courses** - are delivered via Zoom and take place over one – two days. These include our popular introductory dog and cat behaviour and welfare courses, as well as courses that support specific functions, such as fundraising.
- **Short Courses** - last two hours and normally take place once a month. Topics are released on a quarterly basis, and previous examples include Introduction to Safeguarding, Managing Compassion Fatigue and Scent Search.
- **Check-in & Chat: Skills Share** - take place on the last Friday of the month and are an opportunity for organisations to participate in a Q&A session with a subject matter expert. Topics are selected monthly, giving us the flexibility to respond to emerging situations, such as DEFRA's temporary ban on the import of dogs from selected European countries.
- **E-learning** – Academy Online allows learners to complete modules at their own pace on topics that are not only directly relevant to their work, but also allow them to explore other areas of interest. They include bite-size modules that can be completed in a lunch break to more comprehensive modules that may take a couple of hours.
- **Resources Library** – accessed via Academy Online, this comprises a variety of assets, covering sector research and reference material.

Where possible, animal welfare content links to ADCH Minimum Standards.

For more information

To arrange a call with a member of the Academy team, to discuss how our training could help your organisation, email academy@battersea.org.uk and a member of the team will be in touch.

Upcoming training opportunities can be found on our website:

<https://academy.battersea.org.uk/about-academy>

To register for an account on Academy Online: <https://battersea.learningpoint.com/login/index.php>

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