

Each pack covers one unit and contains reading information, interactive activities and final assessments. There are no formal exams.

You will be assigned a personal tutor available by telephone or email to mentor you through the course.

Course cost:

Fees are applicable however if you are a school pupil these will be waived.

Benefits and progression:

The course is an excellent introduction to the Animal Care field, and can act as an important first step on a career ladder.

Example progression opportunities with SRUC are as follows but by no means limited to these.

Introduction to Animal Care – Full Time Course

NC Animal Care – Full Time Course

HNC Animal Care – Full Time Course

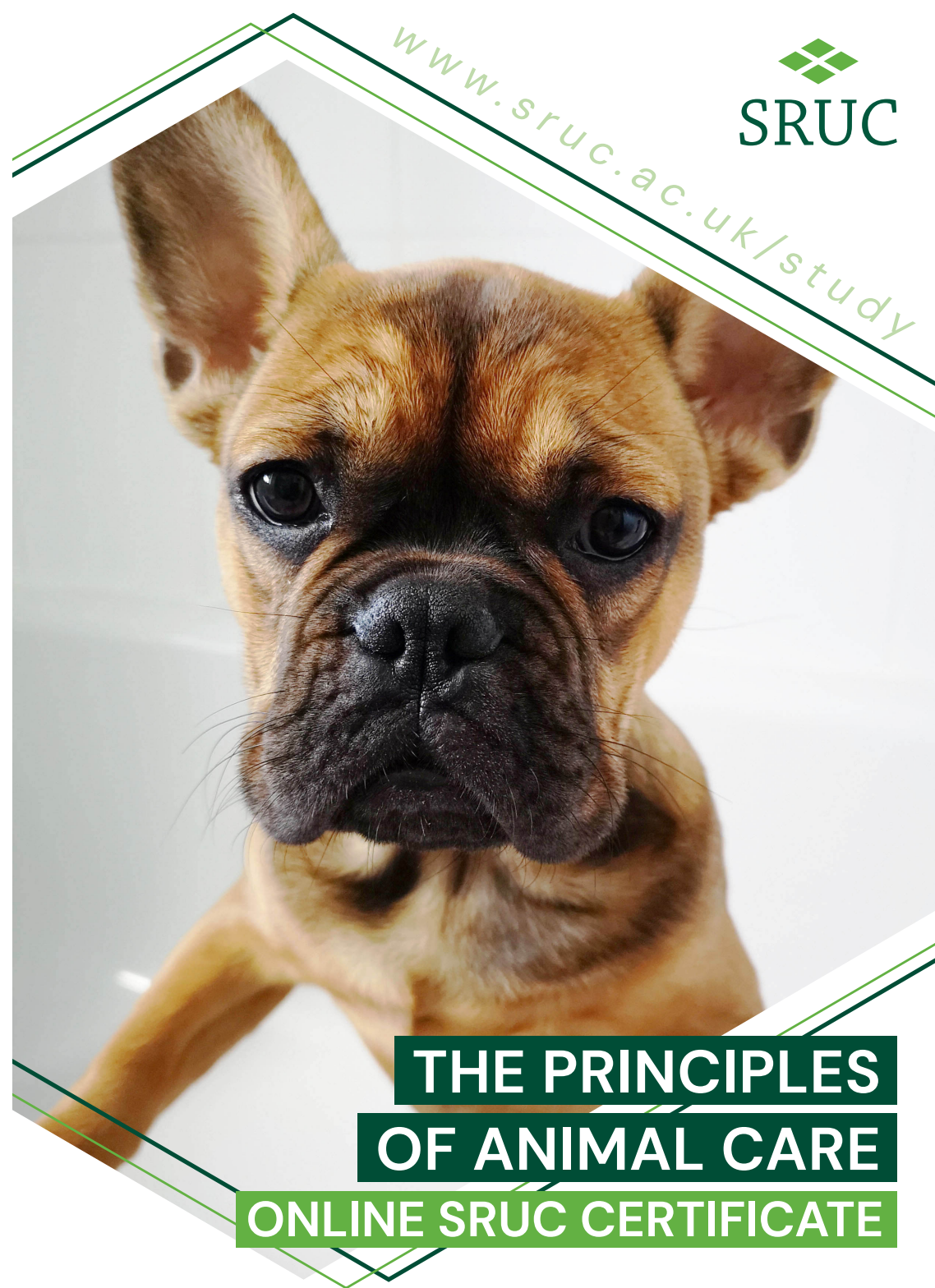
HND Animal Care – Full Time Course

Potential Career Destinations from full-time SRUC courses:

Kennel staff, Catteries, Groomers, Dogwalkers, Animal Care Technician, Rescue Centre staff, Animal Charity work, Inspectors, Field based charity officers, Local Authority Parks, Zoos, Support work in Veterinary Practices.

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THE PRINCIPLES OF ANIMAL CARE ONLINE SRUC CERTIFICATE

Who is the course for:

The Principles of Animal Care course is for anyone wishing to develop their knowledge of all aspects within the Animal Care Sector. Schools are encouraged to enrol students who wish to learn these specific vocational skills. The course addresses key transferable skills highly valued by employers, including communication, information processing and health and safety.

Which topics are covered:

The course covers the theory of a range of practical animal care activities.

Example units:

- Feeding and watering small animals
- Small animal accommodation
- Health and safety
- Moving and handling animals
- Training animals
- Working with others
- Health care of small animals
- Environmental enrichment and exercising animals
- Grooming
- Record keeping



The course is largely geared towards domestic species (cats, dogs, rabbits, mice etc), activities within the units are often open to allow you to focus on a species of your choice. In this way we aim to accommodate individual preferences, and encourage you to develop knowledge of unfamiliar species.

Duration:

The course is designed to be flexible and to cater for individual learning styles. Most candidates progress at the rate of one unit every one to two months. Successful completion of each unit leads to an SRUC certificate.

**Available to:**

S4, S5, and S6.

Delivery:

This distance learning course is delivered through a series of well-established high quality packs accessible online and can be completed by anyone, irrespective of circumstances or locality.