

In as little as four months—or take longer if you wish—you can be ready to enter the world of Animal Care!

Your USCI Animal Care Specialist Course provides you with all of the knowledge and skills you need to turn your love of animals into an exciting profession. Our easy-to-understand, step by step lessons teach you how to care for dogs, cats, reptiles, birds and even horses! Here is a preview of what you will learn:

## INSTRUCTION PACK I

### Who Takes Care of Animals?

You will see how man interacts and supports animals. You will take a self-analysis to determine your suitability for working with animals.

### Proper Handling and Restraint of Animals

This lesson covers handling techniques for all the animals you might see in a veterinarian's office.

### Emergency Procedures in Animal Healthcare

When there is an emergency, the medical personnel must be trained to deal with it effectively. This lesson will give you the knowledge to handle emergencies.

### Physical Examination of Animal Patients

This lesson shows you the routine to follow when examining an animal and also gives you a step-by-step procedure for such an exam.

### Bandaging and Wound Dressing

Step by step you learn the special considerations to follow when you bandage an animal's wound. You will learn what materials are available and what procedures to follow.

### Grooming, Manicuring and Bathing

Learn the grooming techniques for dogs, cats, birds and horses, as well as learning how to solve several special problems in grooming animals.

### Also included in Pack I:

- Course Introduction with "How to Study" Supplement
- USCI Sticker Notes



Fun, fast and easy way to learn medical terminology. Includes pocket folder and flashcards.

## INSTRUCTION PACK II

### Animal Terminology

Discover the correct terms used to describe animals. You will also see statistics covering all animals, from dogs and cats to exotic and endangered animals.

### Medical Terminology

Medicine has its own language. To help you assist the veterinarian, this lesson introduces you to medical terminology including abbreviations, prefixes and suffixes, as well as anatomy and anatomical locations.

### Sanitation in the Animal Health Facility

Become an expert in sanitation and sterilization procedures that will protect the people and animals in the clinic.

### Basic Anatomical Terminology and the Skeletal System

This is the first in a series of anatomy lessons. You receive an "anatomical roadmap" to all of the systems.

### The Circulatory and Respiratory Systems

The second stop on your anatomical roadmap is the circulatory and respiratory system. You will learn about the heart, blood and circulation, and respiration.

### The Digestive System

Step three on your roadmap is the digestive system, where you will see how different animals' systems work.



### Also included in Pack II:

- Animal First-Aid Reference Card
- Quick-Learn System (including Quick-Learn Tutor, Quick-Learn Flashcards and Quick-Learn Pocket Folder)

## INSTRUCTION PACK III

### The Genitourinary System

You will learn about the kidneys and genitals of both male and female animals.

### The Endocrine and Nervous Systems

Learn all about the endocrine system and then move on to the nervous system. The nervous system contains the animal's control center (the brain).

### How the Body Works in Animals

You will learn how all the body systems fit together and work as a unit to keep the animal alive. There is a particular focus on the role of blood in the body.

### Matter and Measurements

Veterinary medicine is a science affected by the laws of matter and chemistry. Learn about elements, molecules and basic chemistry concepts.

### Handling Drugs and Medicines

This lesson includes sections covering pharmacology history, safety regulations and classifications of drugs.

### Immunity and Vaccination

Animals are susceptible to a variety of diseases. Discover how vaccinations are administered, as well as learn about acquired immunity and antibodies.

### Also included in Pack III:

- Quick-Learn Flashcards
- Professional Development Supplement—*Developing a Dynamic Phone Personality*
- Animal Anatomy Reference Cards

## INSTRUCTION PACK IV

### Exotic Animals: Their Care and Handling

Step by step you learn the special considerations exotic animals present, including handling the animals and communicating with the owners.

### Disease-Causing Organisms

You will learn how organisms that cause diseases are identified using microscopes and cultures, as well as how to destroy these disease-causing organisms.

### Disease Conditions

This lesson teaches you the kinds and classes of disease, as well as which conditions are contagious. It also lists disease symptoms.

### Animal Laws and Regulations

This lesson will show you the various laws and regulations enacted to protect both humans and animals.

### X-ray for Animals

This lesson shows you how to safely use x-rays and how to prepare the patient for an x-ray.

### Surgical Operations in the Animal Hospital

You will learn about surgery in the animal hospital, including the most common procedures a veterinarian performs.

### Preparing for Surgery

This lesson trains you in surgical arrangements, including sterile surgical packs, the operating room and patient preparation.

### Assisting the Veterinary Surgeon

In this important lesson, you will learn how to effectively assist the veterinarian during surgical procedures by keeping track of surgical instruments.

### Postoperative Procedures

Learn what to do following the critical time after surgery by completing several important tasks, such as monitoring vital functions.

### Also included in Pack IV:

- Animal Anatomy Reference Cards
- Quick-Learn Flashcards

## INSTRUCTION PACK V

### Anesthesia for Animals

A vital overview of the background and present use of anesthesia by veterinarians—how it is administered plus pre-anesthetic preparations and post-anesthetic considerations.

### Giving Medicine to Animals

You will learn about the medicines approved for animals, plus the different methods used to determine dosage.

### Parasites that Infest Animals

Animals are susceptible to a number of parasitic infestations. After completing this lesson, you will be prepared to deal with the parasites that infest animals.

### Laboratory Examinations

Find out specifically how to handle lab equipment. You will also learn about common laboratory tests and how to obtain samples for these tests.

### Quarantine and Control

Sometimes it is necessary to keep an animal separated (quarantined) from other animals. Learn when and why quarantining is necessary and what regulations exist.

### Dental Care

When you have completed this lesson, you will have learned all about animal dental care including the methods used to care for an animal's teeth.

### Animal Feeding and Diets

Discover proper diets for sick and recovering animals, as well as how to deal with animals that refuse to eat. You will learn how to store and prepare food and vitamins.

### Poisonous Reptiles, Insects and Plants

Poisonous reptiles present a threat to safety in a veterinarian's office. You will learn how to deal with them properly.

### Large Animal Care

Learn how to care for large animals such as horses and cows. You will learn about the various diseases and control techniques used with large animals.

### Also included in Pack V:

- Quick-Learn Flashcards
- Animal Care Career Starter Kit
- *Horses, Horses, Horses* Supplement



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*Pam Weston*