

ANIMAL WELFARE AT THE ABATTOIR

COURSE INFORMATION

09-11 June 2025 (2.5 Day course), Western Cape

International Presenter: Dr Antonio Velarde



COURSE OUTLINE

This 2.5 day course is developed in conjunction with IRTA and Dr Antonio Velarde as the presenter. The aim of the course is to promote knowledge on just and equitable standards of practice, operation and legislation on animal welfare at abattoirs and by raising awareness and value of the processes to the South African and Global Community. The course covers the International Legislation and Guidelines.



KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

- Interaction between Animal Welfare Officer and the Competent Authority
- Animal Welfare from unloading to slaughter
- South African & EU legislation on protection of animals at the time of killing
- Basic procedures for monitoring, controlling & supporting the implementation of Animal Welfare requirements and conditions in slaughterhouses, against legislative requirements
- Assessment of Animal Welfare risks at slaughterhouses
- Animal Welfare and Ethics (Ethical logic of Council Reg 1099/2099)
- Scientific basis for proper handling, stunning and killing of animals
- Practical ways of assessing the impact of lairage facilities & handling of animal welfare;
- Main stunning and killing techniques (South African & European)
- Animal welfare outcomes: Practical examples in slaughterhouses and how to monitor



ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Dr. Antonio Velarde holds a Veterinarian Sciences degree, PhD in Animal Production and Masters in Science and Welfare of Laboratory Animals. European Veterinary Specialist in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law at the European College of Animal Welfare and Behaviour Medicine.

He is the Head of the Animal Welfare Program at IRTA (Institute for Food and Agricultural Research and Technology, Spain) and a member of the Animal Health and Animal Welfare Panel of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). He is president of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH)Ad hoc group in charge of the revision of Chapter 7.5. - Slaughter of animals and Chapter 7.6. - Killing of animals for disease control purposes and member as independent expert of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare.

He has published about 200 peer review papers in international journals and co-edited three books: 'On farm monitoring of pig welfare' (Wageningen Academic Publishers), 'Animal welfare at slaughter' (5m PublishingSheffield, UK) and 'Bienestar Animal Una vision global en Iberoamerica' (Elsevier)

TARGET GROUP

- RMAA Members only
- **Abattoir Managers & Supervisors**
- Welfare Officials (Abattoir appointees)

LEARNING MATERIAL

- Course language: English
- · Learning material is provided at the course
- · Practical work is done during training

CONTACT INFO FOR BOOKINGS

Web: www.rmaa.co.za

COURSE FEE

R7,100.00 (VAT excl) for RMAA Members only Group of 20 delegates can be accommodated

DUE DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 30 APRIL 2025



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COURSE REGISTRATION FORM ANIMAL WELFARE AT THE ABATTOIR

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The following documents must be submitted. Upon receipt of these documents your confirmation of registration to attend will be confirmed:

- (1) Completed registration form
- (2) Certified Copy of ID (Certification not exceeding 6 months)

Place of employment: (Abattoir Name)			Registration number of abattoir: (where applicable)			
Name of contact perso	n:			Tel No:		
Cell:			Fax No:			
Postal Address:			Email:			
Course dates:	dates:			VAT no.		
RMAA member (yes/no) please indicate (✓				No		
NOMINEES						
Name and Surname	ID No		Job Posi		Highest Grade or Qualification (e.g. Grade 12)	
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PROGRAM FEE						
Prices in ZAR excluding 15% VAT			Number of learners			Total
Members R 7,100 (VAT excl) per learner						
PAYMENT						
Upon receipt of the complete registration form and other documents an invoice will be issued. Please e-mail the proof of payment to: ella@rmaa.co.za						
Terms and Conditions AST reserves the right to re-schedule dates and venues Cancellation within 5 days of commencement date will incur a 20% administration fee Full course fees must be paid, and proof of payment must be sent to ella@rmaa.co.za , before course attendance.						
IMPORTANT: Special dietary requirements:						