

Crofters and Small Landholders Skills for the 21st Century

Livestock courses – a selection of courses that can be offered

Lambing Techniques. One-day course to develop the practical ability of participants to identify, examine, lamb down and know when to seek veterinary assistance.

Machine Sheep Shearing. This is a **two day** course enabling participants to shear sheep competently with due regard to the welfare of the animal, personal safety and the wool value.

Complying with Cattle Tracing. One-day course enabling participants to implement the tagging and recording requirements of the Cattle Tracing System, avoid penalties and register births and movements on the web.

Cattle Hoof Trimming. Lameness can reduce milk yield and reduce breeding ability. This one-day course enables participants to trim overgrown hooves safely to the correct size and shape, avoiding unnecessary stress to the cow and themselves.

Sheep identification and movement records. A course for anyone who wishes to be confident in keeping sheep or goat records that are required by Scottish legislation, and understand the current tagging rules, covering current tagging and movement regulations, how to complete movement documents, the holding register record of movements and record of veterinary medicine.

Considerate Handling of Animals in Transit and at Market. One-day course enabling participants to act within the law with respect to the animals transported by road, carry out good handling and loading, avoid unnecessary animal stress and care for animal casualties.

Safe use of Veterinary medicines. One day course covering categorisation and administration of veterinary medicines, legislation and record keeping, labelling, storage, transport of medicines and recognising signs of ill health.

Developing a Dairy Herd Health Programme. One-day course to enable owners and managers to liaise effectively with their vet, assess the health of their herd with their vet, develop a general herd health programme and review the options for dealing with disease.

Ruminant feeding and nutrition. One day course looking at ruminant digestion of feed components, energy requirements, protein requirements, composition of common feeds and interpreting silage reports. Relevant for keeping suckler cows, beef cattle and pregnant ewes.

Other possible courses include:

- Pig keeping
- Keeping sheep
- Keeping cattle
- Condition scoring
- Safe use of sheep dips

Maintaining ewe/cow health during, pre, post gestation
Grassland management
Sheep foot problems
Feed milling and mixing
Livestock accommodation selection and management
Tagging rules and equipment
Selection for breeding
Silage/hay making
Sheep dog training