

Low Stress Stock Handling Program Outline

The LSS course is thoughtfully divided into four sessions across two days, ensuring a comprehensive and engaging learning experience for all participants.

Setting the Stage: Identifying Real-Life Challenges

We begin in the training room, where trainees are encouraged to share the everyday issues they face when working with animals. These challenges are documented and revisited at the end of the course to ensure everyone's expectations have been addressed.

Engaging Every Learner: Shifting Mindsets

Next, we use interactive techniques to engage audio, visual, and kinaesthetic learners. This "mental gymnastics" helps shift long-held paradigms, focusing on the four basic movement instincts of animals. We explore how traditional industry practices often conflict with these instincts and discuss why aligning with natural animal behaviour is key to effective stockmanship.

Laying the Foundations: Principles of Animal Movement

A concise seminar follows, introducing the principles of animal movement that will be applied in the hands-on sessions. This foundational knowledge ensures trainees are ready to work harmoniously with their animals during practical exercises.

Hands-On Practice: Real-World Scenarios

The second and third sessions move outdoors, where trainees work in groups to complete practical tasks with small and large mobs. These exercises are designed to simulate real workplace scenarios and help trainees become comfortable with both major and minor adjustments in their handling techniques.

Wrapping Up: Analysis, Advanced Topics, and Certification

The final session returns to the training room for a thorough analysis of key discussions and practical experiences. We also cover advanced topics such as livestock preparation for processing, intensive feeding, movement, trucking, shipping, slaughter, and assimilation. The course concludes with a recap, further training options, feedback collection, and the presentation of certificates of achievement.