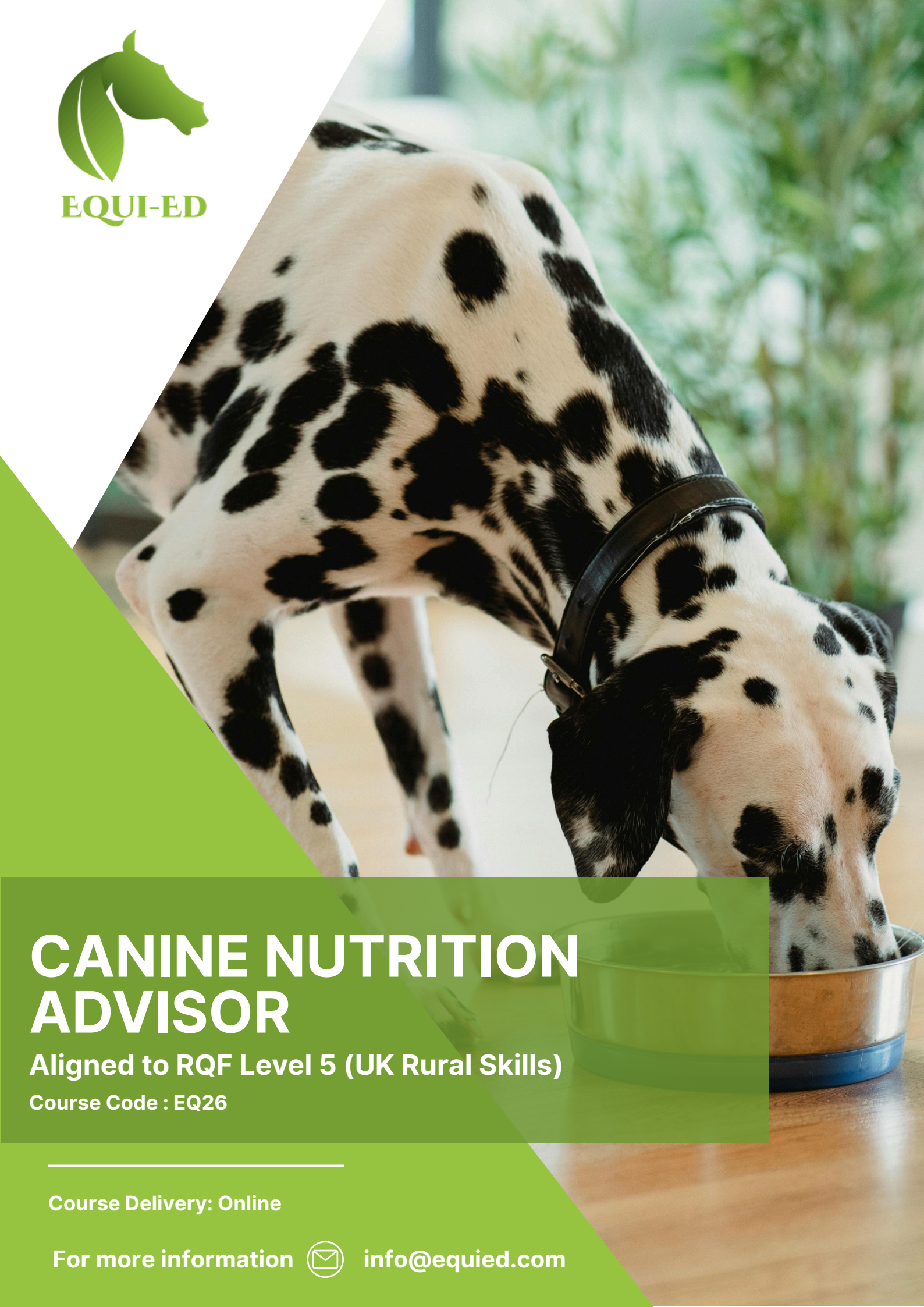
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CANINE NUTRITION ADVISOR

Aligned to RQF Level 5 (UK Rural Skills)

Course Code : EQ26

Course Delivery: Online

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COURSE DETAILS

Course Name: Canine Nutrition Advisor

Course Duration: 9-12 months

UKRS Accredited: Aligned to RQF Level 5 (UK Rural Skills)

Delivery: Online

COURSE INTRO

Are you passionate about canine health and wellbeing? Would you love to turn that passion into a professional opportunity, supporting dog owners in making informed nutritional choices for their companions?

Whether you aspire to work independently as a self-employed Canine Nutrition Advisor, develop your expertise within the pet food and feed industry, or simply deepen your understanding of canine nutrition, our Canine Nutrition Advisor qualification provides the knowledge and practical skills to take the next step.

Developed to provide a comprehensive, evidence-informed understanding of canine nutrition, this Level 5 qualification explores the relationship between diet, digestion, health and overall wellbeing, equipping you with the foundations to assess individual dogs and make informed, appropriate feeding recommendations.

A QUALIFICATION YOU CAN TRUST
Our Canine Nutrition Advisor programme is aligned with a Level 5 qualification and accredited by UK Rural Skills (UKRS).
This provides a structured educational pathway, with a focus on developing both theoretical understanding and practical application.

KEY FEATURES

Everything you need to develop your knowledge and skills in Canine Nutrition

Our Canine Nutrition Advisor qualification combines comprehensive theoretical learning with practical application, giving you the foundations to understand, assess and support the nutritional needs of individual dogs.

- **Level 5 accredited content aligned with professional standards**
- **100% Flexible online learning**
- **Evidence informed education**
- **In-depth case studies and final assessments to build real-world confidence**
- **Career development opportunities**
- **Comprehensive learning and assessment support.**



WHY STUDY
CANINE NUTRITION?

Nutrition plays a fundamental role in every aspect of a dog's health. From supporting healthy growth and development to maintaining body condition, digestive function, energy levels and long-term wellbeing, the food we provide has a significant influence on a dog's quality of life.

However, there is no one-size-fits-all approach to feeding.

Every dog has individual nutritional requirements influenced by factors including:

- Age, breed and body size.
- Activity levels and lifestyle.
- Body condition and weight management.
- Life stage, growth and development.
- Digestive health and nutrient utilisation.
- Environmental influences and individual health considerations.

As a Canine Nutrition Advisor, understanding these individual differences is essential. This course will help you develop the knowledge to look beyond the food label, understand what a dog actually needs nutritionally and evaluate whether their current diet is meeting those requirements.



COURSE DELIVERY & COMMITMENT

The course is structured into phases. Each phase includes:

- **100% Online Learning:** All course materials are delivered online, giving you the flexibility to access your learning resources wherever and whenever it suits you.
- **Structured Learning Modules:** comprehensive learning modules, designed to progressively develop your understanding of canine nutrition, from fundamental principles through to practical dietary assessment.
- **Self-Directed Learning:** Independent study, reading, practice, and case-based assignments.
- **Assignments & Case Studies:** You will have opportunities to apply your theoretical knowledge to practical canine nutrition scenarios, developing your ability to assess individual dogs and formulate appropriate feeding recommendations.



COURSE **OVERVIEW**

Our comprehensive curriculum takes you through the fundamental principles of canine nutrition, building your knowledge from the digestive system and nutrient requirements through to practical dietary assessment and feeding recommendations.

CHAPTER 1: CANINE DIGESTIVE ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Explore the structure and function of the canine digestive system, understanding how food is processed, digested and absorbed, and the role of the gastrointestinal tract in overall health.

CHAPTER 2: ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Develop an understanding of proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and water. Learn why each nutrient is important, how it supports normal physiological function and the consequences of nutritional imbalances.

CHAPTER 3: ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND METABOLISM

Understand how dogs obtain and utilise energy, calculate individual energy requirements and explore the factors that influence daily nutritional needs.

CHAPTER 4: CANINE LIFE STAGES AND NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Discover how nutritional needs change throughout a dog's life, from puppies and growing dogs to adults, seniors and dogs with different activity levels and lifestyles.

CHAPTER 5: FEEDING METHODS AND DIET TYPES

Explore different approaches to canine feeding, including commercial diets, dry food, wet food, raw feeding and home-prepared diets. Develop the ability to evaluate different feeding approaches and understand their nutritional considerations.



CHAPTER 6: ASSESSING NUTRITIONAL HEALTH AND BODY CONDITION

Learn how to assess an individual dog's body condition, identify potential nutritional concerns and recognise when dietary adjustments may be appropriate.

CHAPTER 7: NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT AND DIET EVALUATION

Develop the skills to evaluate existing feeding routines, interpret pet food labels, assess nutritional adequacy and identify potential dietary deficiencies or excesses.

CHAPTER 8: PRACTICAL FEEDING PLANS AND CASE STUDIES

Put your learning into practice through individual canine case studies. Explore how to assess a dog's circumstances, identify nutritional priorities, justify your recommendations and develop appropriate feeding plans.





LEARNING **OUTCOMES**

Understanding individual dogs and their circumstances is equally important. Throughout the course, you will develop the ability to:

- Gather and evaluate relevant information about an individual dog's diet and lifestyle.
- Assess body condition and consider individual energy requirements.
- Identify potential nutritional imbalances and feeding concerns.
- Evaluate different feeding methods and commercial food options.
- Understand ingredient lists and nutritional information on pet food labels.
- Recognise when a dog may require veterinary assessment or specialist nutritional support.
- Formulate evidence-informed feeding recommendations within your professional scope of practice.
- Communicate nutritional information clearly and confidently to dog owners.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion, you will have developed a foundation of knowledge that may support opportunities such as:

- Establishing an independent canine nutrition advisory service, within your qualification and professional scope.
- Providing nutritional education and support to dog owners.
- Working within pet food, nutrition and animal feed businesses.
- Expanding an existing dog-related business or animal care service.
- Developing specialist knowledge to complement an existing animal-related qualification.
- Pursuing further education and professional development in canine nutrition.

HOW TO **ENROL**

Apply online and we will contact you within 5 working days to confirm your approval. There are payment options available for professional courses, such as payment installments or you can use Humm Finance. Once you have completed your enrolment and paid your deposit, you can begin your studies.

TUITION **FEES**

Payment in full	50/50 Payment Plan
Payment in full €1200	Pay €600 on registration and the remaining €600 12 weeks later

Final Assessment and Certification €200



WHY EQUIED?

At Equi Ed, we don’t just teach – we transform careers. Our hands-on, science-backed approach ensures you’re learning the skills that truly matter in the field. Whether you're starting your journey or advancing your expertise, Equi Ed offers One of the most comprehensive courses available, combining structured learning with practical, real-world application to help you stand out.

Here's what makes us different:

Industry-Leading Tutors

- Learn from qualified experts with real-world experience in canine therapy and performance.

Career-Focused Training

- Our courses are designed with progression in mind – helping you move from student to professional, or build your own business.

Accredited & Trusted

- All programs are fully accredited, up-to-date, and respected across the equine and canine industries.

Flexible, Accessible Learning

- Study online, with real-life case studies, video content, and hands-on practicals.

Support Beyond the Course

- From mentorship to business tips and franchise opportunities, we’re invested in your long-term success.



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By enrolling in this course, you're not just learning—you’re becoming part of a growing network of equine & canine professionals and others committed to better care through education.

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