

## Help Animals & Their Caregivers...

**Do You Want to Learn About Animal Hospice?** 

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- Animal Hospice Certification Program(s)
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### Certifying | Training | Advising

Animal Hospice Education and Support for Better End-of-Life Care

### **Become Certified in Animal Hospice Care**

Our vision is to aid more people, both caregivers and professionals, to help the animals under their care have a truly peaceful transition at the end of their lives.

Who is this course designed for? Short answer: anyone and everyone!

### Animal Hospice Group Certification students and graduates have the following backgrounds:

- Animal Caregivers
- Animal Communicators
- Animal Hospice Case Workers
- Animal Chaplains and Clergy
- Counselors and Companion Animal End-of-Life Doula Professionals
- Integrative / Alternative Therapy Practitioners
   (i.e. those who use Bach Flower and other
   Essences, aromatherapy, animal communication, medical intuition, etc).
- Grief Counselors and Bereavement Support Facilitators for Pet Parents
- Healing Touch Massage Therapists Specializing in Dogs
- Pet Cremation Specialists and Pet Crematory Staff
- Pet Massage Therapists
- Mental Health and Social Workers
- Pet Loss Specialists

- Pet Sitters and Pet Walkers
- Animal Rehabilitation and Warm Water Therapists
- Animal Reiki Practitioners and other Animal Energy Workers
- Animal Rescue Staff, Animal Shelter Staff, and Animal Sanctuary Staff
- Animal Spiritual Counselors
- Photographers Specializing in Senior Pets and Pet Memorialization
- Veterinarians
- Veterinary Assistants
- Veterinary Nurses/ Technicians
- Veterinary Practice Managers
- Veterinary Client Liaisons
- Veterinary Clinic Office Managers
- Veterinary Pharmacists
- Veterinary Receptionists and Support Staff
- Volunteers for Animal Related Organizations

### How will the Animal Hospice Group (AHG) Certification(s) benefit me?

### Our full course will equip YOU with the tools and knowledge to:

- Support loved ones and clients when they experience the illness and death of their pets
- Have a more integrated experience during the end-of-life process
- Promote a veterinary hospice care plan through the support of an educated and trained interdisciplinary team
- Guide caregivers in building a care plan leading to their "Path of Least Regrets" in conjunction with their veterinary team
- Implement your plan and/or clients' plans while utilizing your knowledge when faced with new symptoms or situations
- Gain a better understanding of pain and suffering and how they relate to end of life decision making
- Learn about novel aftercare procedures, including remembrance and memorialization
- Help pet parents understand and experience both anticipatory and post-death grief as a process for healing and understanding their loss
- Gain skills that can help them to launch and grow their Animal Hospice business
- Provide care to others whose animals are in palliative and hospice care



### **Animal Hospice University**

The Animal Hospice University (AHU) is a division of the Animal Hospice Group. AHU is unique as it offers Short Courses for practitioners of specific backgrounds, and will consist of chosen lectures that are of interest and specifically relevant to these varying backgrounds and areas of practice. To learn more about the AHU, please visit www.animalhospiceuniversity.org.



### What can I expect from the AHG Certification Program Levels?



Our full **Certified Animal Hospice Practitioner (CAHP) Certification Track** consists of **three levels** to expand your understanding about Animal Hospice and Palliative Care:

Level 1 is where you begin! At this level, you will learn the AHG Coursework and at completion, you will receive the certification of Certified Animal Hospice Foundations (CAHF). Level 1 is designed to be finished within 6 months in a flexible format allowing you, the student, to create a timeline that best fits your busy schedule. It consists of 9 Online Modules which are on-demand, streaming lectures with downloadable materials and quizzes to check understanding. Students can complete and the modules at their own pace within the course time period. Lecture quizzes guide students in identifying key points they will encounter on their final multiple choice exam.

Did we mention Discussion Groups? They are our students favorite part! They are scheduled several times each month, at multiple times and various days of the week, to maximize attendance by our international students and those with full time work schedules. These Groups provide opportunities for students to bring their questions to the AHG Founders, and allow participants to dig deeper into interesting topics and allow for questions, interactions, and networking with fellow students and graduates. Discussion Groups take place on Zoom and are recorded so all students may benefit from viewing the replays whether they are able to attend live or not. In addition, 8 hours minimum live attendance at Discussion Groups is required for Level 1 program completion.

Level 2 in the next step. Level 1 graduates may progress to Level 2 and deepen their impact through counseling and advancing from theory to practice. Level 2 Training empowers you to offer a shoulder to lean on and a hand to hold for pet parents navigating the emotional maze of terminal diagnoses and the grief of loss. This progression from theory to practice is a natural and essential step in professional development. After Level 2 completion, you will earn the certification of Certified Animal Hospice Counseling (CAHC).

Furthermore, **Level 3 is the last step**. Level 2 graduates may progress to Level 3, an Internship on the Animal Hospice Helpline under AHG Mentorship, which enables them to gain hands-on knowledge and experience in working with families and professionals like those they will encounter in their own practice as a Certified Animal Hospice Practitioner. Those completing Level 3 will fulfill 48 hours on the AHG Helpline and submit final assessments to demonstrate their competence and ability to work directly with animal caregivers and professionals whilst earning the certification of **Certified Animal Hospice Helpline Specialist (CAHHS)**.

After you have successfully completed Levels 1, 2, and 3, you will be awarded the distinction of **Certified Animal Hospice Practitioner (CAHP)**. Don't pass up this opportunity and join our network of CAHPs!



### **Animal Hospice Group Founders & Instructors / Lecturers**





Amir Shanan, DVM, CHPV®

Described as a "mix of philosopher, ethicist, counselor, and veterinarian," Dr. Shanan has helped thousands of pets and their

families make the end of life a meaningful and cherished experience by providing information, nonjudgmental support, and guidance in making the most difficult decisions. Dr. Shanan is a recognized pioneer and leader in the emerging field of animal hospice and palliative care. He is the founder of the IAAHPC, and the visionary behind the first guidelines for best practices, the first textbook, and the most extensive advanced professional training program in the field.

To learn more about Dr. Shanan, please read his bio at https://www.animalhospicegroup.com/site/amir-shanan



Kathryn Marocchino, PhD, FT

Dr. Kathryn D. Marocchino is a Professor in the Department of Culture and Communication at California State University Maritime as well as a thanatologist,

translator, public speaker, and author of several books and articles. She is also the president and founder of **The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets (The NHFP)**, the nation's first non-profit devoted to providing home hospice care for terminally ill companion animals. She holds a doctorate from the University of Turin (Italy), where she held a lectureship for several years before coming to the United States, and has taught at both the University of California at Davis and at Stanford University.

To learn more about Dr. Marocchino, please read her bio at https://www.animalhospicegroup.com/site/kathryn-marocchino



**Gail Pope**(Pictured with Joey)

Gail Pope is the President and Founder of BrightHaven Center for Animal Rescue, Hospice, and Holistic Education in California, and for over 30 years she has

helped senior and special needs animals on a journey of holistic healing, through hospice care, and Transition. Gail's experience with hospice-supported natural dying is distinct and well-known.

To learn more about Gail, please read her bio at https://www.animalhospicegroup.com/site/gail-pope



### Michelle Nichols, MS, CAHP, CGRS (Pictured with Bunny)

Michelle's passion for her life's work in animal hospice began when her beloved Boxer Brodie, a cardiomyopathy patient of 5 years, entered the end of life. She and her family debated

whether to return to the veterinary clinic where further treatment was no longer beneficial or, should she allow him to guide the way to a peaceful passing, in their home and where he could be surrounded by those he loved?

To learn more about Michelle, please read her bio at https://www.animalhospicegroup.com/site/michelle-nichols



# Join Our AHG Student Community & Become a Certified Animal Hospice Practitioner!



We trust that this brochure has effectively addressed your questions about the AHG Certification Program Levels. However, if you have additional questions, we would be happy to engage in further discussions and explore how our program can effectively support you as an animal caregiver, as a pet professional, and/or as a practitioner serving clients.

If you would like to have a conversation with us, please email us at info@animalhospicegroup.org, we could setup a simple Meet and Greet with our Executive Director, Dr. Karen Wylie, and she would be able to clarify anything for you.

To review our prices, payment plans and enroll in our Certification Program Levels\*, please visit:

https://www.animalhospicegroup.com/store

\* If committing to the full CAHP Certification Track is not feasible at this time, you have the option just to enroll in Level 1 Foundations and afterward enroll in Level 2 Counseling (if preferred). The program is structured to accommodate your preferences.

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