

Approved Human-Animal interaction courses

The managers of each pig farm location that participates in the Better Life label scheme must have followed a human-animal interaction course.

Among other things, this course must comply with the following conditions:

1. The course is given by an experienced expert in pig welfare and health;
2. At least three hours of training are dedicated to practical examples (in the pig house and/or using videos and photos) during which the participant learns to translate signals given by the behaviour or appearance of the animal into concrete, positive or negative causes for this behaviour or appearance;
3. Attention is paid to the effects of the pig farmer's/stockperson's behaviour on the animals being cared;
4. Attention is paid to the positive consequences of good human-animal interaction on financial and production results.

The Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals has approved the following Human-Animal interaction courses for managers/stockpersons of pig farm locations that participate in the Better Life label scheme:

- 'Basistraining Varkenssignalen: Aandacht voor het dier' by Varkens.nl and Rood Bont Agricultural Publishers
The course is no longer available.
- 'Welzijn en de behoeftes van het varken' by PorQ
The course is no longer available.
- 'Mens-dier interactie' by Varkens natuurlijk
The course is no longer available.
- '[Varkenssignalen](#)' by Kees Scheepens
Currently not conducted. The course is expected to be available again at the end of 2022.
- 'Welzijnscoach' via Wageningen University & Research, by the POV
The course is expected to be available again on the long term.
- '[Mens-dier interactie](#)' by HAS Kennistransfer en bedrijfsopleidingen
The course is being updated. The course is expected to be available again from September 2022. In case of sufficient interest, the course can be given at an earlier time.
- '[Online cursus mens-dier interactie in de varkenshouderij](#)' by the Wageningen Academy, Wageningen Livestock Research.
Those interested can contact Marko Ruis (marko.ruis@wur.nl) or (+31) (0) 317-480646).
- '[Varkenssignalen](#)' by Trudy van de Ven, coach KDV.
For pig farmers who supply to Keten Duurzaam Varkensvlees (KDV).
- '[Opleidingsprogramma mens-dier interactie voor varkenshouders/dierverzorgers op het varkensbedrijf](#)' by the Onderzoeksgroep Dier&Welzijn van de KU Leuven.
Conducted on request.