

Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care

Location	Offsite
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Horse Management & Animal Care
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Course Overview

This level is ideal if you have some knowledge and you want to prove your competence in your role and is likely to help you move from a junior to senior position. You may also be looking for a qualification to prepare you for progression to Level 3 qualifications.

There are many diverse businesses and opportunities within this sector :-

- Animal Care and Welfare
- Zoos/Wildlife Establishments
- Dog Grooming
- Pet Care and Retail
- Animal Training

Working with animals is extremely rewarding but requires hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. You will gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge that are important when you are working with animals or progressing to further learning and training in this area.

The course is based at Carrington Riding Centre where we have an Animal Rescue on site, which enables you to learn about how to care for and handle a variety of small and large animals.

We work with employers and industry specialists who contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. This will include structured work experience, presentations or demonstrations given by industry experts and employers who also act as expert witnesses" to contribute to the assessment of your work.

The Animal Rescue centre at Carrington is expanding all the time and currently house a variety of small animals such as cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, gerbils, hamsters and others. We are always looking to provide a real experience for learners and want to provide them with hands-on experience to be able to take into the world of work. As well as learning how to care for and handle the animals

you will learn about management systems and how a business runs.

Links to local businesses help set you up for volunteering work and work experience to help build your CV. Employers in the animal industry seek employees who have experience as well as good knowledge, so building up experience which is relevant will set you in good stead for when you want to gain employment."

Course Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and Mathematics.

What You Will Learn

This course will provide you with a broad and in-depth understanding of animal care, covering the practical, legal, scientific, and ethical aspects. Throughout this course, you will explore the importance of quantity and timing of the feeding of animals, housing requirements of animals, signs of ill health, and the Animal Welfare Act 2006

Assessment

To earn this qualification, you must complete a range of mandatory and optional units which will be assessed by :-

- observations, where your tutor or expert witness will complete a written statement describing your competency.
- written work, to show understanding, such as work sheets, written statements, posters, leaflets etc.
- professional discussions with your tutor.

Your portfolio will be sampled by a City and Guilds moderator who will check that you have met all of the requirements.

Progression

This level is ideal if you have some knowledge and you want to prove your competence in your role and help you move from a junior to senior position.

You may also be looking for a qualification to prepare you for progression to a Level 2 Technical qualification or to a Level 3 qualification.

Achieving one of these qualifications can help you work in roles such as:

- Assistant dog groomer
- Farm worker (livestock)
- Horse groom
- Animal technician
- Assistant dog trainer
- Kennel worker

Career Options

The Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care covers the skills you need to work in animal welfare, zoos, wildlife establishments, dog grooming, pet care and retail, animal training, animal wardens or education and entertainment.

Achieving one of these qualifications can help you work in roles such as:

- Assistant dog groomer
- Farm worker (livestock)
- Horse groom
- Animal technician
- Assistant dog trainer
- Dog handler
- Kennel worker
- Pet shop assistant

Mandatory Units

Maintain and develop personal performance
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others
Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals
Deliver basic treatments to animals
Select and prepare accommodations for animals
Maintain animal accommodation
Control and restrain animals
Moving animals between locations
Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety
Maintain the cleanliness and biosecurity of the animal care working environment
Provide controlled exercise opportunities for animals
Prepare feed for animals
Provide feed and water to animals
Care for animals after they have worked

Contact Details

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