

Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care

Location	Offsite
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Horticulture
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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, for example

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

Working with animals is extremely rewarding, but it can require hard work. Dedication and enthusiasm to the role are key to success. 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 and handle a variety of small animals. You will also have access to up to 50 horses as part of your course and will learn how to care for and handle large animals.

You will get lots of practice and support to enable you to develop the required skills and knowledge to prepare you for the learning and assessments.

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, employers input into projects and exercises, employers who act as expert witnesses"

to contribute to the assessment of your work.

This practical based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the equine industry or further study.

Carrington is an ideal place to carry out your studies as you will be learning on a real-life working site. The Animal Rescue is expanding all the time and currently house a variety of small animals such as cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, gerbils, hamsters, degus, mice 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. You will not only learn about how to care for and handle the animals but will learn about management systems and also how a business runs.

You will be taught by highly qualified staff who are currently active in the equine and animal industry. Tutors have a range of experience from horses to small animals, with current links to working in catteries and kennels. With links to local businesses, we can 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 work experience which is relevant will set you in good stead for when you want to gain employment."

Course Requirements

5 GCSE's at Grade 3 or above (including maths and/or English Language).

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.

There are no exams in this qualification but you will be assessed by

- observations of practical elements where your tutor or expert witness will complete a written statement describing your competency carrying out an activity
- written work to show understanding, such as work sheets, written statements, posters, leaflets, health checks, feed charts, etc.
- professional discussion with your tutor where you will have a verbal question and answer session or a discussion on a topic.

Once you have enough evidence to meet each criteria and all units have been covered your portfolio will be sampled by an external City and Guilds moderator who will check that they agree you have met all of the requirements. This usually takes place in May.

Progression

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 a Level 2 Technical qualification or to a Level 3 qualification.

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

Previous students have gone on to study further qualifications such as the Level 2 Technical Certificate in either Animal or Equine Care. Students have also gone on to study the Level 2 Diploma in Dog Grooming Assistant or taken active roles in the dog grooming industry.

Feedback from students is that they enjoy the practical element of learning and the opportunities they have at Carrington to develop their skills.

Ellie completed the Level 2 qualification with us and said, "I am so glad I did my qualification at Carrington. There was so much to see and do and I learnt loads about animal management, especially from my tutors and the guests speakers we had. I particularly enjoyed the hands-on experience I had and working with the animals in the rescue as I got to learn about diseases, treatments and specific care that different animals may need. It was really useful to be able to see this in person and as things happened."

Fletcher said, "I love working with the animals and so this was ideal for me. I am more of a practical person and don't like exams so the work-based course suited me. I have progressed from Level 1 and came back to do Level 2. The course has helped me learn more about animal care and management and next year I plan to go into animal rescue as a job. Having the RSPCA come out to see us made me realise that that is what I definitely want to do."

Mary started with us on the Level 1 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care and completed the Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care last year. Now she has progressed onto the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care and is enjoying the step up. She told us, "I began with the Work-based

Diplomas as I didn't want to have the pressure of exams, but now I feel ready to do a Technical qualification. My tutors have been so supportive that I feel I can handle the exams and assignments."

Career Options

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Mandatory Units

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

Contact Details

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