



Qualification Guidance

**SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in
Practical Animal Care Skills (Animal
Care and Welfare)**

England – 501/0135/3

Wales – C00/0233/8

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Introduction

This qualification has been developed in collaboration with industry, providers and Lantra. It will enable learners to gain appropriate skills and knowledge to progress to higher levels of learning or to employment in the animal care sector.

Pre-requisites

There are no formal entry requirements.

Skills and Education Group Awards expects approved centres to recruit with integrity on the basis of a trainee's ability to contribute to and successfully complete all the requirements of a unit(s) or the full qualification.

Qualification Structure and Rules of Combination

Rules of Combination: Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills (Animal Care and Welfare)

Learners must achieve 20 credits; this will include four credits from Group A (the mandatory unit) plus a minimum of 16 credits from Group B (optional units).

Unit	Unit Number	Level	Credit Value	GL
Group A - Mandatory Units				
Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals	H/502/1507	2	4	30
Group B – Practical Animal Care Skills Optional Units				
Deliver basic treatments to animals	Y/502/1505	2	5	38
Select and prepare accommodation for animals	R/502/1521	2	3	23
Maintain animal accommodation	Y/502/1522	2	3	23
Control and restrain animals	Y/502/1536	2	2	15
Moving animals between locations	K/502/1539	2	2	15
Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety	R/501/0874	2	5	38
Prepare feed for animals	L/502/1467	2	2	15
Provide feed and water to animals	D/502/1473	2	3	23
Prepare and groom animals	L/502/1694	2	4	30

Dry dogs and prepare their coat for styling	K/502/1704	3	3	19
Load and unload animals for transportation	K/502/1492	2	3	23
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others	T/502/1690	2	2	15
Communicate information within the workplace	Y/502/1195	3	2	13
Maintain the cleanliness and bio security of the animal care working environment	T/502/1561	2	5	38
Provide controlled exercise opportunities for animals	K/502/1556	2	4	30
Provide opportunities for animals to have freedom to exercise	A/502/1559	2	4	30
Train animals through basic training programmes	M/502/1655	2	5	38
Contribute to the evaluation and implementation of basic animal training programmes	T/502/1611	2	3	23
Welcome, receive and care for visitors to sites	A/502/1609	2	3	23
Handle animals to enable them to work effectively	F/502/1644	2	6	45

Aims

The Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills aims to:

- develop practical skills that will support those seeking a career in the animal care industry
- provide knowledge and understanding that could support further study within the animal care sector
- promote and encourage good working practices in relation to safety and the environment

Target Group

This qualification is designed for those learners aged 16 or over who are currently working in the Animal Care Sector, either in paid or unpaid employment, or for learners who wish to progress into employment or further study in the sector.

Assessment

Internal and external assessment, internal and external moderation. Specific requirements and restrictions may apply to individual units within qualifications. Please check unit and qualification details for specific information.

Practice Assessment Material

Skills and Education Group Awards confirm that there is no practice assessment material for this qualification.

Teaching Strategies and Learning Activities

Centres should adopt a delivery approach which supports the development of all individuals. The aims and aspirations of all the learners, including those with identified special needs or learning difficulties/disabilities, should be considered and appropriate support mechanisms put in place.

Progression Opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress on to the Level 3 Award or Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills. Alternatively, learners could progress onto the Level 2 or Level 3 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care; into employment, or gain promotion to a more senior position within existing employment.

Centres should be aware that reasonable adjustments which may be permitted for assessment may in some instances limit a learner's progression into the sector. Centres must, therefore, inform learners of any limits their learning difficulty may impose on future progression.

Tutor/Assessor Requirements

Skills and Education Group Awards require those involved in the teaching and assessment process to be suitably experienced and / or qualified. Assessors should also be trained and qualified to assess or be working towards appropriate qualifications.

Those responsible for Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) must be knowledgeable of the subject/occupational area to a suitable level to carry out accurate quality assurance practices and processes.

Language

This specification and associated assessment materials are in English only.

Qualification Summary

Qualifications						
Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills (Animal Care and Welfare) – 501/0135/3						
Other pathways available						
Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills						
Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills (Zoos/Wildlife Establishments)						
Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills (Pet Care and Retail)						
Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills (Animal Training)						
Qualification Purpose	B. Prepare for further learning or training and/or develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area					
Age Range	Pre 16		16-18	✓	19+	✓
Regulation	The qualification identified above is regulated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ofqual • Qualification Wales 					
Assessment	Internal assessment, internal and external moderation In order to credit transfer units achieved within this qualification to a competence based qualification e.g. The Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care additional assessment may be required. Please contact your Skills and Education Group Awards External Moderator for further information. Specific requirements and restrictions may apply to individual units within qualifications. Please check unit and qualification details for specific information.					
Type of Funding Available	See FaLA (Find a Learning Aim)					
Qualification/Unit Fee	See Skills and Education Group Awards web site for current fees and charges					
Grading	Pass To achieve a Pass learners must complete all units as stated in the rule of combination (RoC)					
Operational Start Date	01/07/2010					
Review Date	31/08/2024					
Operational End Date						
Certification End Date						
Guided Learning (GL)	150					
Total Qualification Time (TQT)	200					
Credit Value	20					
Skills and Education Group Awards Sector	Animal Care					
Ofqual Sector	03.3 Animal Care and Veterinary Science					
Support from sector bodies	These qualifications are supported by Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for environmental and land-based					

	industries
Administering Office	See Skills and Education Group Awards web site

Unit Details

Promote and Maintain the Health and Well-Being of Animals

Unit Reference	H/502/1507
Level	2
Credit Value	4
Guided Learning Hours	30
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to promote and maintain the health and welfare of animals. This covers identification of abnormal signs, monitoring the animals and carrying out procedures to promote the health and welfare.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 6) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 6.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to promote and maintain the health and welfare of animals	<p>1.1. Treat animals in a way which consistent with relevant legislation, minimises any likelihood of stress and injury, and maintains their health and welfare</p> <p>1.2. Provide animals with sufficient and effective opportunities to move, and maintain physical functioning</p> <p>1.3. Monitor and report the animals' physical condition and behaviour at suitable intervals to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appearance • posture and movement • behaviour • bodily functioning • social interaction <p>1.4. Identify, record and report five abnormal signs that might indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disease • disability • disorders • pest infestation • trauma • stress <p>1.5. Carry out two of the following procedures to</p>

	<p>promote animal's health and welfare correctly and at a suitable time for the animals concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preventative care • environmental adjustment • changing feed or water provision <p>1.6. Record and report animals' reaction to specific procedures</p> <p>1.7. Seek assistance immediately for any animals health or welfare emergency and initiate action as appropriate to the situation</p>
<p>2. Be able to work safely</p>	<p>2.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>2.2. Dispose of waste safely and correctly</p>
<p>3. Be able to maintain accurate records</p>	<p>3.1. Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes</p>
<p>4. Know how to promote and maintain the health and welfare of animals</p>	<p>4.1. Identify the purpose for which the animals are being kept</p> <p>4.2. Describe how to promote the health and general welfare of animals and minimise any stress or injury for at least two species of animals</p> <p>4.3. Describe why animals need exercise and how the type and amount varies at different stages in an animal's life</p> <p>4.4. Provide examples of how two different species of animals maintain their own physical condition and appearance</p> <p>4.5. Describe all the visual signs which indicate the following potential problems with an animal's health and welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disease • disability • disorders • pest infestation • trauma • stress

	<p>4.6. Describe two types of preventative care used to maintain the health and welfare of animals</p> <p>4.7. State how the environment may be adjusted to maintain two species of animals' health and welfare</p> <p>4.8. State the importance of providing an adequate supply of feed and water</p>
<p>5. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice</p>	<p>5.1. Outline the current health and safety, animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>5.2. Describe how environmental damage can be minimised</p> <p>5.3. Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste</p>
<p>6. Know how to maintain accurate records</p>	<p>6.1. Identify the types of records required and explain the importance of accurate record keeping</p>

Deliver Basic Treatments to Animals

Unit Reference	Y/502/1505
Level	2
Credit Value	5
Guided Learning Hours	38
Unit Summary	<p>The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to deliver basic treatments to animals.</p> <p>The word 'treatments' is used in its broadest sense to include: cleaning and hygiene procedure, basic health care treatments and other routine procedures.</p> <p>In accordance with the Veterinary Surgeons Act Schedule 3 lay persons may not provide medical treatments to animals. In Learning Outcome 2 of this unit, learners must only provide medication prescribed by, and under the direct supervision of, a veterinary practitioner.</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 6) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 6.2) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to deliver basic treatments to animals	<p>1.1. Use the correct technique to give the specified treatment at the correct time. Treatments to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cleaning and hygiene procedures • basic health care treatments • routine procedures <p>1.2. Immediately seek assistance when it is not possible to carry out the treatment</p> <p>1.3. Ensure records of the treatment are accurate, legible and complete and comply with any legislative requirements</p> <p>1.4. Observe animals after treatments and immediately report any unusual signs</p>
2. Be able to provide prescribed medication	<p>2.1. Provide the following current and uncontaminated prescribed medication only for the intended animal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preventative • prescriptive

	<p>2.2. Use and store drugs, medications and equipment in accordance with veterinary instructions and organisational policy</p>
<p>3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage</p>	<p>3.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>3.2. Dispose of waste safely and correctly</p>
<p>4. Know how to deliver basic treatments to animals</p>	<p>4.1. Describe the equipment to select for each treatment</p> <p>4.2. Describe how to administer prescribed basic health care treatments</p> <p>4.3. State the importance of keeping to instructions for basic health care treatments</p> <p>4.4. Describe the potential consequences of not keeping to instructions and procedures for carrying out treatments</p> <p>4.5. Describe how to use restraint techniques</p> <p>4.6. State the reasons and legislative requirements for 'withdrawal periods' for animals</p> <p>4.7. Outline the reasons for personal hygiene and safety precautions (e.g. communicable diseases between animals and humans)</p> <p>4.8. Describe the changes in the condition of the animal which may occur after the treatment</p> <p>4.9. State why it is necessary to monitor the behaviour of animals after treatment and report unusual signs</p> <p>4.10. Identify the types of records required and explain the importance of accurate record keeping</p>
<p>5. Know how to provide prescribed medication to animals</p>	<p>5.1. State the significance of expiry dates on drugs and medications</p>

	<p>5.2. Describe the possible sources of contamination to medication and how to identify damage</p>
<p>6. Know relevant health and safety and animal welfare legislation</p>	<p>6.1. Outline the current health and safety legislation, animal welfare, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>6.2. Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste</p>

Select and Prepare Accommodation for Animals

Unit Reference	R/502/1521
Level	2
Credit Value	3
Guided Learning Hours	23
Unit Summary	<p>The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to establish accommodation for animals. This involves selecting and preparing the accommodation ready for use by animals, setting up suitable environmental conditions, and introducing the animals to the accommodation. The learner will be fully aware of the importance of relevant health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this work.</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 7) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 7.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to select and prepare accommodation for animals	<p>1.1. Select accommodation according to specified requirements</p> <p>1.2. Select, prepare and maintain the necessary equipment and materials for use</p> <p>1.3. Prepare accommodation in a safe, secure and clean state which maintains animal health and welfare</p> <p>1.4. Identify the suitable environmental conditions for the animals and adapt where possible</p> <p>1.5. Identify potential hazards and take the appropriate action to remove them</p> <p>1.6. Introduce animals to the accommodation in a way which maintains their health and welfare</p>
2. Be able to monitor the suitability of accommodation	<p>2.1. Assess the animals response to the accommodation</p> <p>2.2. Monitor, record and/or report animals' responses to the accommodation as required</p> <p>2.3. Monitor and review suitability of accommodation</p>

	<p>2.4. Recommend or modify, as appropriate changes to the accommodation</p>
<p>3. Be able to work safely and maintain animal health and welfare</p>	<p>3.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety, health and welfare of animals and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p>
<p>4. Know the animals accommodation needs</p>	<p>4.1. Describe the different animals accommodation needs in respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ventilation • light • structure and fittings • temperature • noise • siting <p>4.2. State the different animals accommodation needs in relation to animal health and welfare covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the suitability of the animal concerned • allowing the necessary freedom of movement • minimising animal stress • the intended purpose and length of stay in the accommodation • enrichment <p>4.3. Describe how accommodation needs could change through the animal's life</p>
<p>5. Know how to select and prepare accommodation for animals</p>	<p>5.1. Describe the accommodation needs of animals and the factors which should be taken into account covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ventilation • light • structure and fittings • temperature • noise • siting <p>5.2. Describe the materials, fittings and environmental conditions which animals need within their accommodation to maintain their health and welfare</p> <p>5.3. Describe how to promote and maintain the health</p>

	<p>and welfare of animals for two animals with different physical and behavioural needs</p> <p>5.4. Identify two significant potential hazards to the animal which may occur in accommodation and how these can be minimised</p>
<p>6. Know how to introduce animals to their accommodation promoting health and welfare</p>	<p>6.1. Describe methods of introducing animals to the accommodation in a way which minimises their stress and optimises their acceptance (two animals with different physical and behavioural needs)</p>
<p>7. Know relevant health and safety legislation</p>	<p>7.1. Outline the current health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare and codes of practice and any additional requirements</p>

Maintain Animal Accommodation

Unit Reference	Y/502/1522
Level	2
Credit Value	3
Guided Learning Hours	23
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner the knowledge and skills required to maintain animal accommodation. This involves maintaining environmental conditions, carrying out cleaning, and replacing any ancillary materials.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 6) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 6.3) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to maintain animal accommodation	<p>1.1. Assess the condition of the animal and accommodation before maintaining covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the suitability of accommodation to the animal concerned • allowing the necessary freedom of movement • minimising animal stress <p>1.2. Wear the appropriate protective clothing during cleaning and maintaining</p> <p>1.3. Carry out cleaning routines according to the animal accommodation and specification</p> <p>1.4. Replace any necessary materials and fittings correctly when cleaning is complete</p> <p>1.5. Monitor and maintain environmental conditions to promote the health and welfare of animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ventilation • light • structure • temperature • noise <p>1.6. Maintain the safety and security of the animals during cleaning operations</p> <p>1.7. Report any difficulties to the relevant person if necessary</p>

	<p>1.8. Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes</p>
<p>2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage</p>	<p>2.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>2.2. Carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage</p> <p>2.3. Dispose of waste safely and correctly</p>
<p>3. Know why it is important to maintain animal accommodation</p>	<p>3.1. Describe why it is important to maintain animal accommodation and the implications of failing to do so</p> <p>3.2. Describe the relationship between maintaining animal accommodation and promoting animal health and welfare</p> <p>3.3. State how other factors would influence the maintenance of accommodation for animals (health, age and behaviour)</p> <p>3.4. Describe signs within an animals accommodation that give an indication of its health and welfare</p>
<p>4. Know how to maintain animal accommodation</p>	<p>4.1. Describe the environmental conditions which promote the health and welfare of animals</p> <p>4.2. Identify the reasons for monitoring environmental conditions and reporting variations</p> <p>4.3. Outline cleaning routines appropriate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the animal species concerned and • the accommodation in which they are being kept and • reasons for being housed <p>4.4. Describe cleaning methods and materials appropriate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the animal species concerned and • the accommodation in which they are being kept and • reasons for being housed

	<p>4.5. Describe how to recognise signs of stress and abnormal behaviour in animals before, during and after maintaining accommodation and what actions should be taken</p>
<p>5. Know how to maintain materials and fittings</p>	<p>5.1. State how to maintain materials and fittings to ensure the health and welfare of animals using accommodation</p>
<p>6. Know relevant health and safety and animal welfare legislation and environmental good practice</p>	<p>6.1. Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>6.2. Describe how environmental damage can be minimised</p> <p>6.3. Describe the correct methods for disposing of organic and inorganic waste</p>

Control and Restrain Animals

Unit Reference	Y/502/1536
Level	2
Credit Value	2
Guided Learning Hours	15
Unit Summary	The aim and purpose of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills to restrain animals. The learner will be able to assess the risks involved, identify appropriate methods of restraints and use them effectively and safely.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 6) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 6.2) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to restrain animals	<p>1.1. Select and use a suitable method of restraint which minimises distress and injury to the animal taking into account the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the behaviour and temperament of the animal • the health and well being of the animal <p>1.2. Approach the animal in a manner which is likely to minimise stress</p> <p>1.3. Maintain the restraint of the animal securely and safely in a manner which minimises stress</p> <p>1.4. Modify methods of restraint in response to the reactions of the animal as necessary</p>
2. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment	<p>2.1. Select appropriate equipment for this area of work</p> <p>2.2. Use equipment according to relevant legislation and manufacturer's instructions</p> <p>2.3. Prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition</p>
3. Be able to work safely	<p>3.1. Work in a way which maintains animal welfare and health and safety and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p>

	3.2. Wear the appropriate protective clothing
4. Know how to restrain animals	<p>4.1. State the risks to self, others and animal in restraining animals</p> <p>4.2. List and describe the different methods for restraining animals</p> <p>4.3. Describe the possible indicators of stress and alarm in the animals when being restrained and the ways this can be minimised</p> <p>4.4. Describe how to approach animals to minimise stress and when assistance may be required to approach and/or restrain the animal and the consequences of not doing so</p> <p>4.5. Describe the limits of responsibility in restraining animals and how to gain assistance and to whom these should be reported</p> <p>4.6. Describe when it may be necessary to modify the methods of restraint for the animal</p> <p>4.7. Describe animal behaviour that will indicate the animals state of temperament</p>
5. Know relevant health and safety legislation	<p>5.1. Outline the current health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>5.2. Describe the Personal Protective Equipment that should be used when controlling and restraining animals</p>
6. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them	<p>6.1. Describe the equipment which will be required for the activity</p> <p>6.2. Describe the methods of maintaining the range of equipment</p>

Moving Animals between Locations

Unit Reference	K/502/1539
Level	2
Credit Value	2
Guided Learning Hours	15
Unit Summary	The aim and purpose of this unit is to provide the learner with the skills, knowledge and move animals between locations. The learner will move animals in a manner that is appropriate, minimises stress and is safe. It also covers checking the new location is safe, secure and suitable.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 5) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 5.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to move animals between locations	<p>1.1. Select the animal to be moved, and approach it in a manner which is likely to minimise stress</p> <p>1.2. Prepare the route for the movement of animals</p> <p>1.3. Check that the new location is safe, secure and suitable for the animal's requirements</p> <p>1.4. Move the animal to its new location in an appropriate way and pace whilst maintaining the wellbeing of the animal or other animals in the vicinity</p> <p>1.5. Establish the animal in the new location consistent with instructions</p> <p>1.6. Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes</p>
2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	<p>2.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>2.2. Wear appropriate protective clothing</p>
3. Know how to move animals between locations	3.1. Describe the reasons for moving animals

	<p>3.2. Describe how to identify the animals to be moved</p> <p>3.3. Describe how the animal’s health status and behaviour may affect the movement process</p> <p>3.4. Describe the importance of approaching animals in a manner which minimises stress</p> <p>3.5. Describe the risks inherent in moving animals and how they can be minimised</p> <p>3.6. Describe how to assess the safety, security and suitability of the new location</p> <p>3.7. Describe how to select appropriate methods for moving animals based on the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their health • environmental conditions <p>3.8. Describe how to establish animals once they have been moved</p> <p>3.9. Describe how to identify problems and to whom they should be reported</p>
<p>4. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice</p>	<p>4.1. Outline the current health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare, codes of practice and any additional requirements relating to animal welfare legislation</p>
<p>5. Know how to maintain accurate records</p>	<p>5.1. Identify the types of records required and state the importance of accurate record keeping</p>

Make Sure Your Own Actions Reduce Risks to Health and Safety

Unit Reference	R/501/0874
Level	2
Credit Value	5
Guided Learning Hours	1
Unit Summary	<p>This unit is about health and safety responsibilities for everyone in the workplace. It describes the competences required to make sure that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employees own actions do not create any health and safety hazards • employees do not ignore significant risks in their workplace, and • employees take sensible action to put things right, including: reporting situations which pose a danger to people in the workplace and seeking advice <p>Fundamental to this unit is an understanding of the terms "hazard", "risk" and "control".</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 3) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 3.17) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Identify the hazards and evaluate the risks in your workplace	<p>1.1. Identify which workplace instructions are relevant to their job</p> <p>1.2. Identify those working practices in their job which could harm them or others</p> <p>1.3. Identify those aspects of their workplace which could harm them or others</p> <p>1.4. Check which of the potentially harmful working practices and aspects of their workplace present the highest risks to them and others</p> <p>1.5. Deal with hazards in accordance with workplace instructions and legal requirements</p> <p>1.6. Correctly name and locate the people responsible for health and safety in their workplace</p> <p>1.7. Report to the people responsible for health and safety in their workplace those hazards which present the highest risk</p>

<p>2. Reduce the risks to health and safety in your workplace</p>	<p>2.1. Carry out your work in accordance with their level of competence, workplace instructions, suppliers or manufacturers' instructions and legal requirements</p> <p>2.2. Control those health and safety risks within their capability and job responsibilities</p> <p>2.3. Pass on suggestions for reducing risks to health and safety to the responsible people</p> <p>2.4. Make sure their behaviour does not endanger the health and safety of them or others in their workplace</p> <p>2.5. Follow the workplace instructions and suppliers' or manufacturers' instructions for the safe use of equipment, materials and products</p> <p>2.6. Report any differences between workplace instructions and suppliers' or manufacturers' instructions Report any differences between workplace instructions and suppliers' or manufacturers' instructions</p> <p>2.7. Make sure that their personal presentation and behaviour at work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protects the health and safety of them and others • meets any legal responsibilities, and • is in accordance with workplace instructions <p>2.8. Make sure they follow environmentally-friendly working practices</p>
<p>3. Know and understand how to make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety</p>	<p>3.1. Demonstrate they know and understand what "hazards" and "risks" are</p> <p>3.2. Demonstrate they know and understand their responsibilities and legal duties for health and safety in the workplace</p> <p>3.3. Demonstrate they know and understand their responsibilities for health and safety as required by the law covering their job role</p> <p>3.4. Demonstrate they know and understand the hazards which exist in their workplace and the</p>

safe working practices which they must follow

- 3.5. Demonstrate they know and understand the particular health and safety hazards which may be present in their own job and the precautions they must take
- 3.6. Demonstrate they know and understand the importance of remaining alert to the presence of hazards in the whole workplace
- 3.7. Demonstrate they know and understand the importance of dealing with, or promptly reporting, risks
- 3.8. Demonstrate they know and understand the responsibilities for health and safety in their job description
- 3.9. Demonstrate they know and understand the safe working practices for their own job
- 3.10. Demonstrate they know and understand the responsible people they should report health and safety matters to
- 3.11. Demonstrate they know and understand where and when to get additional health and safety assistance
- 3.12. Demonstrate they know and understand their scope and responsibility for controlling risks
- 3.13. Demonstrate they know and understand workplace instructions for managing risks which they are unable to deal with
- 3.14. Demonstrate they know and understand suppliers' and manufacturers' instructions for the safe use of equipment, materials and products which they must follow
- 3.15. Demonstrate they know and understand the importance of personal presentation in maintaining health and safety in their workplace
- 3.16. Demonstrate they know and understand the importance of personal behaviour in maintaining the health and safety of them and others

	3.17. Demonstrate they know and understand the risks to the environment which may be present in their workplace and/or in their own job
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Prepare Feed for Animals

Unit Reference	L/502/1467
Level	2
Credit Value	2
Guided Learning Hours	15
Unit Summary	The aim and purpose of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to prepare feed for animals. When preparing feed consideration must be made with regard to personal hygiene and hygienic use of equipment and utensils.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 5) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 5.2) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to prepare feed for animals	<p>1.1. Use correct personal hygiene procedures before and after preparing animal feed</p> <p>1.2. Prepare the correct amount of animal feed according to feeding plans in a way that minimises wastage</p>
2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	<p>2.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>2.2. Dispose of waste and animal feed safely and correctly</p>
3. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment	<p>3.1. Select appropriate materials and equipment for this area of work</p> <p>3.2. Use the appropriate equipment and utensils in a hygienic way consistent with legal and organisational requirements</p> <p>3.3. Prepare, maintain and store materials and equipment in a safe, hygienic and effective condition</p>
4. Know how to prepare feed for animals	4.1. Describe the importance of personal hygiene and health and safety in preparing animal feed

	<p>4.2. Describe the different types of feed that are available and how to prepare these, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fresh • frozen • dried • tinned <p>4.3. Describe any particular precautions that should be taken when preparing different types of feed</p> <p>4.4. Describe the equipment and utensils that are used in preparing and serving animal feed</p> <p>4.5. Describe three situations in which animals may have specific nutritional needs</p>
<p>5. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice</p>	<p>5.1. Outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>5.2. Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste and animal feed</p>

Provide Feed and Water to Animals

Unit Reference	D/502/1473
Level	2
Credit Value	3
Guided Learning Hours	23
Unit Summary	The aim and purpose of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to provide feed and water to animals by selecting the correct feed and supplying clean, fresh water according to the feed plan.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 6) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 6.2) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to provide feed and water to animals	<p>1.1. Select the correct feed according to the animals' feeding plan</p> <p>1.2. Prepare feed correctly and hygienically</p> <p>1.3. Provide feed in a manner which gives each animal the opportunity to obtain its food and maintain its health and welfare</p> <p>1.4. Supply clean, fresh water to the animals according to their needs</p> <p>1.5. Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes</p>
2. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment	<p>2.1. Select appropriate equipment for this area of work</p> <p>2.2. Prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition</p>
3. Be able to work safely	<p>3.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety, animal welfare and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>3.2. Dispose of waste safely and correctly</p>

<p>4. Know how to provide feed and water to animals</p>	<p>4.1. Describe the purpose of a feeding plan</p> <p>4.2. Describe different types of feed and feed quality for three different purposes</p> <p>4.3. Outline the importance of providing fresh water to animals</p> <p>4.4. Describe normal feeding and drinking behaviour of animals and how to identify signs of abnormality</p> <p>4.5. Outline correct storage and use of equipment and feedstuffs</p> <p>4.6. Describe potential difficulties and risks that may arise during the feeding process and who to report them to</p> <p>4.7. Identify the types of records required and explain the importance of accurate record keeping</p>
<p>5. Know relevant health and safety legislation</p>	<p>5.1. Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>5.2. Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste</p>
<p>6. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them</p>	<p>6.1. Describe the equipment which will be required for the activity</p> <p>6.2. Describe the methods of cleaning and maintaining the range of equipment hygienically</p>

Prepare and Groom Animals

Unit Reference	L/502/1694
Level	2
Credit Value	4
Guided Learning Hours	30
Unit Summary	<p>The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to groom animals for their health and welfare. The grooming described in this unit is necessary for maintaining the health and welfare of animals on a day-to-day basis.</p> <p>This unit is designed to be applicable to working with all types of animals that need to be groomed. These may include furred animals such as, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs as well as livestock. A separate specialist unit has been developed for the dog grooming industry</p> <p>The unit does not cover enabling animals to groom themselves as this is covered in a separate unit.</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 7) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 7.3) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to assess the animal prior to grooming	<p>1.1. Confirm that the environment and the equipment to be used is clean, ready for use and is secure and safe for both themselves and the animal</p> <p>1.2. Handle animals in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and health and safety of all throughout</p> <p>1.3. Report promptly to the appropriate person when examination of the animal reveals an abnormal condition</p>
2. Be able to prepare and groom animals	<p>2.1. Select and use equipment and materials which is appropriate to the animal and its care requirements</p> <p>2.2. Prepare the animal ready for grooming using the correct techniques and equipment. Preparation to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove excess hair, knots and tangles • clean the animal's coat and skin • remove dirt and debris from feet

	<p>2.3. Groom the animal using the correct methods</p> <p>2.4. Observe the condition of the animal during the process and report any changes to the appropriate person</p> <p>2.5. Communicate with others on the animal's care requirements</p> <p>2.6. Keep accurate records on the techniques and materials used to care for the animal</p>
<p>3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage</p>	<p>3.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety, animal welfare and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>3.2. Carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage</p> <p>3.3. Dispose of waste safely and correctly</p>
<p>4. Know how to prepare and groom animals</p>	<p>4.1. State why it is important to approach and handle animals in a manner that promotes their confidence, co-operation, health and safety</p> <p>4.2. Describe how the type of animal affects the method of preparing for grooming and the equipment that should be used</p> <p>4.3. Describe how to prepare animals for grooming covering all of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove excess hair, knots and tangles • clean the animal's coat and skin • remove dirt and debris from feet </p> <p>4.4. Describe different methods used for grooming the animals</p> <p>4.5. State why particular care is required when working on specific areas of the animal</p> <p>4.6. List the steps that should be taken in the event of accidentally damaging the animal</p> <p>4.7. State why it is important to communicate the</p>

	<p>animals care requirements</p> <p>4.8. Describe the limits of groomer’s role when identifying possible abnormalities and conditions (i.e. not diagnosing) and the importance of referring to a veterinary surgeon</p> <p>4.9. State why it is important to keep accurate records of the care provided to the animal</p>
<p>5. Know how to assess the animal prior to grooming</p>	<p>5.1. Describe the normal signs of health and the signs indicating that the animal should be referred to a veterinary surgeon</p> <p>5.2. Describe basic animal anatomy and physiology sufficient to identify abnormalities</p> <p>5.3. Explain the signs and symptoms of basic skin problems and infestations</p>
<p>6. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice</p>	<p>6.1. Outline the current health and safety animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>6.2. Describe how environmental damage can be minimised</p> <p>6.3. Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste</p>
<p>7. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them</p>	<p>7.1. Describe the equipment and materials which will be required for the activity</p> <p>7.2. Describe methods of maintaining the range of equipment used</p> <p>7.3. Explain the importance of following manufacturers’ instructions regarding the use of equipment and products, how to correctly interpret these instructions, and the possible consequences of not doing so</p>

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Dry Dogs and Prepare Their Coat for Styling

Unit Reference	K/502/1704
Level	3
Credit Value	3
Guided Learning Hours	19
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to dry and prepare dogs' coat and skin using the appropriate techniques, equipment and products.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 9) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 9.5) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Dry dogs and prepare their coats for styling	<p>1.1. Confirm that the environment and the equipment to be used is clean, ready for use and is secure and safe for both you and the dog</p> <p>1.2. Use correct techniques to prepare the dogs for the following styles for drying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clipped • scissored • parted • natural <p>1.3. Use at least two types of drying equipment and techniques that are suitable for the dog, its coat type, condition and the style that is to be achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cabinet • blaster • blow dryer <p>1.4. Handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout</p> <p>1.5. Identify any abnormal conditions during drying and seek advice from the appropriate person</p> <p>1.6. Establish the correct drying temperature and velocity and monitor these regularly during the drying process</p>

	<p>1.7. Recognise when the temperature, velocity or drying technique appears to be causing distress or harm to the dog and implement the appropriate action</p> <p>1.8. Brush the coat during drying to achieve the correct finish appropriate to the style that is to be achieved</p> <p>1.9. Check the coat to confirm that it is completely dry and free from tangles and knots</p> <p>1.10. Remove debris and excess hair from the ear canal, where appropriate, in a manner that minimises distress to the dog</p>
2. Be able to clip nails	2.1. Cut nails accurately at the correct point using the correct equipment, where appropriate
3. Be able to return dogs to the waiting area	3.1. Return the dog to the correct location to await collection or further grooming
4. Be able to communicate with clients and colleagues	4.1. Communicate with clients and colleagues to discuss the animal's care requirements
5. Be able to maintain and use relevant equipment	5.1. Ensure equipment is prepared, used and maintained in a safe and effective condition throughout
6. Be able to promote health and safety and environmental good practice	<p>6.1. Work in a way which promotes health and safety, is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>6.2. Ensure work is carried out in a manner which minimises environmental damage</p> <p>6.3. Manage and dispose of waste in accordance with legislative requirements and codes of practice</p> <p>6.4. Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes</p> <p>6.5. Conduct a risk assessment to identify any risks to themselves or the animal</p>

	<p>6.6. Use the correct protective equipment and clothing in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines and organisational policy</p>
<p>7. Understand how to dry dogs and prepare their coats for styling</p>	<p>7.1. Explain why it is important to approach and handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation</p> <p>7.2. Explain how coat type and the condition of the coat and skin affect the drying techniques and equipment that can be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wool • wire • silk • double • smooth <p>7.3. Explain how the style that is to be achieved affects the selection of drying techniques and equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clipped • scissored • parted • natural <p>7.4. Describe the different types of drying equipment available, their purposes and to which dog and coat types they are most suited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cabinet • blaster • blow dryer <p>7.5. Explain how drying technique, equipment and brushing during drying affect the finish</p> <p>7.6. State the correct temperature and velocity of drying equipment, how to adjust them and the potential dangers of incorrect setting</p> <p>7.7. Describe the signs of distress in dogs and the action that should be taken when these are observed</p> <p>7.8. Explain how to identify when coats are completely dry and the potential consequences of not drying a dog properly</p> <p>7.9. Explain what heat stress and brush burn are, their</p>

	<p>signs, causes and how to prevent them happening</p> <p>7.10. Explain how to identify abnormal conditions of the coat and skin, why it is important to do so</p>
8. Understand the reasons for maintaining equipment	8.1. Explain the importance and methods of maintaining equipment for use
9. Understand relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice	<p>9.1. Summarise current health and safety, animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>9.2. Describe the possible environmental damage that could occur and how to respond appropriately</p> <p>9.3. Explain the correct and appropriate methods for disposing of waste</p> <p>9.4. Explain the records required for management and legislative purposes and the importance of maintaining them</p> <p>9.5. Describe the potential threats to health, safety and security in a bathing area (such as slippery floors/surfaces, electricity) and steps that should be taken to minimise the threats</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NAC28.1</p>	

Load and Unload Animals for Transportation

Unit Reference	K/502/1492
Level	2
Credit Value	3
Guided Learning Hours	23
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills needed to load and unload animals for transportation. It includes preparation of the transportation equipment, health and safety, legislation, maintaining the welfare of the animal throughout the process and effective communication.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 6) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 6.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to prepare animals and transport	1.1. Communicate effectively with colleagues 1.2. Prepare the correct animals as instructed 1.3. Prepare and make safe the appropriate transportation equipment covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cleanliness • health and safety • security • removal of hazards
2. Be able to load and unload animals for transportation	2.1. Load and unload the animals as required
3. Be able to work safely	3.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety, animal welfare and is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements
4. Know how to prepare animals and transport	4.1. Outline how to communicate effectively with colleagues 4.2. Outline how to make the transportation method ready for animals including: cleanliness, health and safety, security and removal of hazards

<p>5. Know how to load and unload animals for transport</p>	<p>5.1. Describe how to prepare, load and unload animals safely and effectively minimising stress to the animal</p> <p>5.2. Describe how to approach, handle and restrain animals correctly minimising stress</p> <p>5.3. State the types of problems which should be reported, when and to whom</p>
<p>6. Know the relevant legislation and codes of practice</p>	<p>6.1. Summarise the relevant legislation and codes of practice relating to health and safety and maintaining the welfare of animals</p>

Establish and Maintain Effective Working Relationships with Others

Unit Reference	T/502/1690
Level	2
Credit Value	2
Guided Learning Hours	15
Unit Summary	<p>The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to work effectively with others under minimal direction through clear communication and co-operation.</p> <p>The learner will establish and maintain effective working relationships with the colleagues, supervisors and managers, persons external to the team, department or organisation.</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 2) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 2.7) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Maintain working relationships with others	<p>1.1. Identify opportunities to improve working practices with the appropriate person</p> <p>1.2. Carry out activities requiring co-operation with others in accordance with required procedures</p> <p>1.3. Communicate with others in a way which promotes effective working relationships</p> <p>1.4. Keep others informed about work plans or activities which affect them</p> <p>1.5. Seek assistance from others without causing undue disruption to normal work activities</p> <p>1.6. Respond in a timely and positive way when others ask for help or information</p>
2. Understand why good working practices are important.	<p>2.1. State why good working relationships are important</p> <p>2.2. Suggest ways in which good working relationships can be maintained</p>

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">2.3. State the methods of dealing with disagreements within the workplace2.4. Describe own level of responsibility in relation to dealing with disagreements2.5. State why effective communication is important |
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Mapping to National Occupational Standards

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Communicate Information within the Workplace

Unit Reference	Y/502/1195
Level	3
Credit Value	2
Guided Learning Hours	13
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to communicate information within the workplace. It is about maintaining the 'flow' of information internally and externally to the organisation. It will entail passing on messages accurately, receiving and forwarding on information.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 4) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 4.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to receive information within the workplace	1.1. Identify information required, timescales and source 1.2. Request information using appropriate methods 1.3. Receive and record information accurately according to organisational requirements
2. Be able to transmit information within the workplace	2.1. Transmit information accurately and timely and using appropriate methods 2.2. Confirm receipt of information
3. Understand how to receive and transmit information within the workplace	3.1. Give examples of when information may be required urgently 3.2. Explain why it is important to take messages accurately and the potential effects of not doing so 3.3. Explain the importance of confirming information and why this should be acknowledged and accurately recorded 3.4. Explain the situations in which confidentiality needs

	to be maintained
4. Understand the relevant legislation in receiving and sending information	4.1. Summarise the legislation which relates to communicating information within the workplace
Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NCU7.1	

Maintain the Cleanliness and Bio Security of the Animal Care Working Environment

Unit Reference	T/502/1561
Level	2
Credit Value	5
Guided Learning Hours	38
Unit Summary	<p>The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the ability to demonstrate the knowledge and skills required to undertake routine cleaning within the workplace and equipment and materials that are used within the course of normal work.</p> <p>Cleaning is a key factor in ensuring health and safety of the people and animals within the workplace and promoting the organisation's image to customers. This unit does not refer to the maintenance of equipment or machinery undertaken by specialist contractors.</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 5) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 5.4) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to clean and maintain the work environment	<p>1.1. Carry out the cleaning of equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instructions</p> <p>1.2. Select and use protective clothing, tools, equipment and cleaning materials in accordance with manufacturers'/employers' instructions</p> <p>1.3. Clean at least five of the following areas in the working environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • floors and walls • work tables/benches • washing and drying areas • public areas • animal accommodation • staff facilities <p>1.4. Complete appropriate maintenance checks to identify wear and tear and accurately report to the appropriate person as soon as possible</p> <p>1.5. Leave working areas in an appropriate state for the work to be undertaken</p>

	<p>1.6. Store materials and equipment safely and correctly after use</p> <p>1.7. Ensure that animal welfare, safety and security is maintained at all times during and after cleaning of the work environment</p> <p>1.8. Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes</p>
<p>2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage</p>	<p>2.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety, animal welfare and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>2.2. Carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage</p> <p>2.3. Dispose of waste safely and correctly</p>
<p>3. Know how to clean the work environment</p>	<p>3.1. State what the potential hazards are when cleaning each area of the following work environments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • floors and walls • work tables/benches • washing and drying areas • public areas • animal accommodation • staff facilities <p>3.2. Assess the risks and state how they can be minimised with respect to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • animal(s) • work environment • equipment • cleaning materials • others <p>3.3. Describe the selection and use of cleaning materials in different areas of the work environment and explain the need to ensure their correct dilution and the possible effects of not doing so covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • particular fabrics • surfaces • equipment <p>3.4. Describe why cleaning should minimise disruption</p>

	<p>to other staff and to animals</p> <p>3.5. Explain the contribution that good cleaning practices have on customer relations, the image of the organisation and health and bio-security</p>
<p>4. Know how to clean and maintain equipment in the work environment</p>	<p>4.1. Describe which materials, equipment and cleaning methods should be used for cleaning manual and electrical equipment and what protective clothing should be worn</p> <p>4.2. State why cleaning agents should be correctly diluted and the possible effects of not doing this</p> <p>4.3. Explain when sterilisation can be used, the reasons for doing and the potential risks if this is not done correctly</p> <p>4.4. State the frequency with which different items of equipment should be cleaned and maintained</p> <p>4.5. Describe how to recognise potentially hazardous equipment and the potential effects of not reporting it</p> <p>4.6. Explain the reasons of maintaining and storing cleaning materials and equipment safely and correctly</p> <p>4.7. State why it is important to keep accurate records</p> <p>4.8. Describe how cleaning, maintenance and storage of work equipment contributes to bio-security measures</p>
<p>5. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice</p>	<p>5.1. Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>5.2. Describe how environmental damage can be minimised</p> <p>5.3. Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste</p> <p>5.4. Describe the selection and use of Personal Protective Equipment for cleaning the work</p>

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Provide Controlled Exercise Opportunities for Animals

Unit Reference	K/502/1556
Level	2
Credit Value	4
Guided Learning Hours	30
Unit Summary	<p>The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills to provide controlled opportunities for animals to exercise. It is not designed to cover exercise which applies to animals that are trained for competitive purposes.</p> <p>This unit is designed to be applicable to working with all species of animals that need to exercise.</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 9) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 9.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to assess opportunities for controlled exercise	<p>1.1. Assess the animals suitability for exercise and their requirements</p> <p>1.2. Assess that the exercise areas is as safe as possible for the animal and the controlled exercise</p>
2. Be able to use equipment properly and safely	<p>2.1. Select, prepare and check appropriate equipment for exercise</p> <p>2.2. Fit equipment properly for the animal and the exercise</p> <p>2.3. Clean equipment after use</p>
3. Be able to provide controlled exercise opportunities for animals	<p>3.1. Prepare the animals for exercise in a manner which allows them to exercise safely and to benefit from the exercise</p> <p>3.2. Provide exercise opportunities which meet the requirements of the animal and its environment</p> <p>3.3. Follow the correct procedures for the animal concerned to maintain health, safety and welfare of the animal:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prior to exercise • during exercise • after exercise
<p>4. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage</p>	<p>4.1. Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes</p> <p>4.2. Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with relevant legislation animal welfare, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>4.3. Maintain personal hygiene before, during and after the exercise opportunity</p> <p>4.4. Maintain biosecurity measures to protect yourself, others and other animals</p>
<p>5. Be able to communicate with colleagues and others</p>	<p>5.1. Communicate with colleagues and/or others regarding the exercise requirements and opportunities for the animal</p>
<p>6. Know how to provide controlled exercise opportunities to animals</p>	<p>6.1. Explain the animals' needs for controlled exercise and the reasons for this and the optimum time for exercise</p> <p>6.2. Explain the requirements and benefits of controlled exercise for different animals</p> <p>6.3. State how the need for exercise differs between different animals and the context in which the animal is kept according to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • type • time • intensity • stage of life <p>6.4. Describe the reasons for providing animals with different exercise patterns and how these differ at different life stages</p> <p>6.5. State why insufficient or excessive exercise is harmful to animals</p> <p>6.6. Explain why some animals should not be exercised</p>

<p>7. Know what equipment should be used to provide controlled exercise opportunities to animals</p>	<p>7.1. Give examples of different equipment that would be used for different exercise opportunities</p> <p>7.2. State why it is important to ensure the correct equipment is used</p> <p>7.3. State why it is important to check, clean and maintain equipment in good order for use in controlled exercise opportunities</p>
<p>8. Know the relevant health and safety legislation and codes of practice</p>	<p>8.1. Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements affecting the provision of exercise to animals</p> <p>8.2. List the factors affecting the safety of the exercise area where the animal(s) is to be exercised including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other people • the handler • the environment <p>8.3. State the reasons for accurate recording and reporting of the exercise taken</p>
<p>9. Know about the potential risks to animals and handlers regarding bio security and infection control</p>	<p>9.1. Describe the potential risks to animals, handlers and others regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bio security • infection control • disease control

Mapping to National Occupational Standards

O29NAC4.1

Provide Opportunities for Animals to Have Freedom to Exercise

Unit Reference	A/502/1559
Level	2
Credit Value	4
Guided Learning Hours	30
Unit Summary	<p>The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills to provide enrichment opportunities for animals to exercise freely. It is not designed to cover exercise which applies to animals that are trained for competitive purposes.</p> <p>This unit is designed to be applicable to working with all species of animals that need to exercise/enrichment.</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 11) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 11.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to assess opportunities for animals to exercise by themselves	<p>1.1. Assess the animals suitability for exercise and their requirements</p> <p>1.2. Assess that the exercise area and/or equipment is as safe as possible for the animal and the controlled exercise</p>
2. Be able to use equipment properly and safely	2.1. Select, prepare and check the environment equipment and materials for animals to exercise for themselves
3. Be able to move animal safely	<p>3.1. Move the animal to exercise area appropriately and safely according to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • animal • self • environment
4. Be able to provide natural exercise opportunities for animals	<p>4.1. Prepare the animals and the environment for exercise in a manner which allows them to exercise safely and to benefit from the exercise</p> <p>4.2. Provide opportunities for animals to exercise by themselves and exhibit natural behaviour which</p>

	<p>meet the requirements of the animal and its environment</p> <p>4.3. Follow the correct procedures for the animal concerned to maintain health, safety and well-being of the animal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prior to exercise • during exercise • after exercise
<p>5. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage</p>	<p>5.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety, animal welfare and is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>5.2. Wear appropriate Personal protective Equipment for the animal and the environment</p> <p>5.3. Maintain personal hygiene before, during and after the exercise opportunity</p> <p>5.4. Maintain bio security measures to protect yourself, others and other animals</p>
<p>6. Be able to communicate with colleagues and others</p>	<p>6.1. Communicate with colleagues and/or others regarding the exercise requirements and opportunities for the animal</p> <p>6.2. Make correct reports of exercise activity promptly to the appropriate people</p>
<p>7. Be able to review exercise opportunity</p>	<p>7.1. Review the exercise opportunity /environment enrichment to see how it meets the animals requirements</p> <p>7.2. Make adjustments to exercise opportunity/environmental enrichment as necessary</p>
<p>8. Know how to provide exercise opportunities to animals</p>	<p>8.1. Describe the animals' natural behaviour and how opportunities can be replicated</p> <p>8.2. State how the need for exercise and environmental enrichment differs between different animals and the context in which the animal is kept including</p>

	<p>their expression of natural behaviour</p> <p>8.3. Describe the reasons for providing animals with different exercise patterns and/or enrichment opportunities and how these differ at different stages of life</p> <p>8.4. State why and when you may consider changing the exercise or enrichment opportunity</p> <p>8.5. Describe how to recognise negative responses to exercise and environment enrichment and what you should do in different situations</p> <p>8.6. Describe how the lack of enrichment opportunities will cause problems in animals</p>
<p>9. Know what equipment should be used to provide controlled exercise opportunities to animals</p>	<p>9.1. Give examples of different equipment that would be used for different exercise opportunities</p> <p>9.2. State why it is important to ensure the correct equipment is used</p> <p>9.3. State why it is important to check, clean and maintain equipment in good order for use in controlled exercise opportunities</p>
<p>10. Know the relevant health and safety legislation and environment good practice</p>	<p>10.1. Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p> <p>10.2. List factors affecting the safety of the exercise area, where the animal is to be exercised including and others including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other people • the handler • the environment • equipment and material for the animal(s) <p>10.3. State the reasons for accurate recording and reporting of the exercise taken and enrichment activities</p>
<p>11. Know the potential risks to animals and handlers regarding bio security and infection control</p>	<p>11.1. Describe the potential risks to animals, handlers and others regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bio security

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Mapping to National Occupational Standards
O29NAC4.1

Train Animals through Basic Training Programmes

Unit Reference	M/502/1655
Level	2
Credit Value	5
Guided Learning Hours	38
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to train animals in basic principles by following a training plan and reporting on progress against the objectives set out in the plan. Training in basic principles could include routine training of pets and/or working animals such as guide dogs, hearing dogs or other animals such as falcons.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 4) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 4.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to train animals through basic training programmes	<p>1.1. Prepare the animal correctly for the training programme in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to meet physical needs (i.e. food, water, rest) • to meet emotional/mental needs <p>1.2. Identify and use the resources that are necessary for the planned training activity including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training environment • equipment • personnel <p>1.3. Undertake training activities and use methods which are in accordance with the training programme including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • handling • obedience • specific objectives <p>1.4. Monitor the mental condition and physical behaviour of the animal throughout the training and use the results to modify the training programme</p> <p>1.5. Handle the animal correctly throughout the training in a way that promotes the animal's health and welfare</p> <p>1.6. Report accurately to relevant people progress</p>

	<p>towards achieving training objectives</p> <p>1.7. Take the appropriate remedial action when training activities, methods or resources are found to be inappropriate</p>
<p>2. Be able to work safely</p>	<p>2.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety, animal welfare and is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p>
<p>3. Know how to train animals through basic training programmes</p>	<p>3.1. State how training activities can affect the mental condition and behaviour of an animal</p> <p>3.2. State the difference between basic discipline training and training for specific activities and how this may affect the training programme as a whole</p> <p>3.3. Describe how to prepare animals for training and how this differs according to the animal, the environment and the training activity to be undertaken</p> <p>3.4. State the signs which indicate mental condition and physical behaviour of the breed of animals</p> <p>3.5. Describe how to assess an animal's confidence levels and how this is related to performance</p> <p>3.6. State the importance of accurately assessing animal behaviour and condition before and during training activities and taking appropriate action</p> <p>3.7. Describe how to handle the animal concerned for the safety of the animal, self and others and to enable objectives to be met</p> <p>3.8. Describe how to provide positive reinforcement to the animal and why this is important</p> <p>3.9. Describe how to assess progress towards objectives and why this should be reported</p> <p>3.10. State the actions that should be taken if the training activities, resources or methods are inappropriate</p>

4. Know relevant health and safety legislation	4.1. Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements
Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NAC5.1	

Contribute To the Evaluation and Implementation of Basic Animal Training Programmes

Unit Reference	T/502/1611
Level	2
Credit Value	3
Guided Learning Hours	23
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to contribute in the evaluation and implementation of basic animal training programmes for basic discipline or to meet specific objectives which may be for show or demonstration work. The learner will monitor the progress of the training programme and suggest modifications as necessary. For this unit, basic discipline means training in basic handling and for obedience.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 4) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 4.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to contribute to the evaluation and improvement of basic animal training programmes	1.1. Regularly review the animal's progress towards the training targets 1.2. Actively seek the views of others involved in the training and handling of the animal and use them to inform the evaluation 1.3. Provide clear and accurate information regarding the animal's progress and any conclusions drawn 1.4. Report the results of your findings to the person responsible for the training programme at the times specified in the training programme 1.5. Make recommendations for modifications to the targets 1.6. Implement agreed changes to the training targets and methods as specified in the training programme and regularly monitor and report progress
2. Be able to work safely	2.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety

	and animal welfare, and is consistent with current, relevant legislation and codes of practice
3. Know how to contribute to the evaluation and improvement of basic animal training programmes	<p>3.1. State why regular review and reporting are important and to whom reports should be made</p> <p>3.2. Describe the factors that can influence an animal's achievement of the training targets</p> <p>3.3. Describe the indicators that training targets may not be suitable for the animal and how to recognise them covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • targets are set at too difficult a level for the animal to achieve • targets are set too low • the animal shows more potential in another area <p>3.4. Describe how training can be modified to improve its outcomes for the animal</p> <p>3.5. State why it is important to report progress and problems to the person responsible for the training programme, and not implement modifications oneself</p>
4. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice	4.1. Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements
Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NAC5.2	

Welcome, Receive and Care for Visitors to Sites

Unit Reference	A/502/1609
Level	2
Credit Value	3
Guided Learning Hours	23
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to deal with visitors to sites. It covers caring for and monitoring the behaviour of visitors in the workplace, and providing them with information. Workplaces may be open to the public or may be organisations to which visitors are invited or where officials have the right of access.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 5) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 5.2) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to welcome and receive visitors	<p>1.1. Keep the area in a state of readiness to receive visitors safely</p> <p>1.2. Greet and communicate with visitors in an appropriate manor</p> <p>1.3. Identify and report inappropriate visitors</p> <p>1.4. Work in a way which promotes health and safety, is consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice</p>
2. Be able to care for visitors	<p>2.1. Care for visitors in accordance with their needs and relevant policies</p> <p>2.2. Refer visitors to the appropriate source of information</p> <p>2.3. Manage visitors to the site in a way which is consistent with its purpose and condition, and in a manner which promotes their own safety and security</p>
3. Know how to welcome and receive visitors	3.1. State the preparations required for the arrival of

	<p>visitors covering groups and individuals</p> <p>3.2. Outline the importance of creating a positive first impression and how this is achieved</p> <p>3.3. Describe how to recognise those visitors who should not be on the site and understand the limitations and the dangers in being able to deal with them</p> <p>3.4. List potential sources of information for visitors covering groups and individuals</p> <p>3.5. Describe effective methods of communicating to groups and individuals</p>
<p>4. Know how to care for visitors</p>	<p>4.1. Outline how to monitor visitors' needs and when to intercept to offer help</p> <p>4.2. Describe how the purpose of the site can be maintained whilst accommodating the needs and security of visitors covering all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting visitors in terms of their safety and welfare • providing information to visitors • caring for the environment (e.g. by restricting access) • maintaining the bio-security of the site • maintaining the welfare of the animals
<p>5. Know the relevant health and safety procedures</p>	<p>5.1. Describe how bio-security and welfare can be maintained on sites open to visitors</p> <p>5.2. Outline organisational policy on health and safety and confidentiality and how this can be maintained</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards 029NAC6.1,2</p>	

Handle Animals to Enable Them to Work Effectively

Unit Reference	F/502/1644
Level	2
Credit Value	6
Guided Learning Hours	45
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to handle animals to enable them to work. The learner will consider the methods of handling, control and encouragement in order to promote health and safety, animal welfare, the effects of the environment on the animal and the resources required.
Learning Outcomes (1 to 4) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 4.1) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to handle animals to enable them to work effectively	<p>1.1. Correctly prepare the animal for work</p> <p>1.2. Move the animal and introduce it to the working environment in a manner which minimises stress</p> <p>1.3. Check that the following resources are suitable for the planned work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equipment • personnel • environment <p>1.4. Maintain control of the animal in a way which is likely to optimise its performance, maintain its safety and minimise stress using the following control methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • verbal • non-verbal <p>1.5. Encourage the animal to perform to the best of its ability and offer the appropriate reward and praise</p> <p>1.6. Take the necessary action if the animal is not realising its potential or unexpected circumstances arise</p>
2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	2.1. Work in a way which maintains health and safety and animal welfare, is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional

	requirements
<p>3. Know how to handle animals to enable them to work effectively</p>	<p>3.1. Describe the different preparations which are necessary to enable the animal to work effectively in relation to its type, breed and the work which it has to do</p> <p>3.2. Describe the methods of handling and moving animals which promote their health and welfare and minimise their stress</p> <p>3.3. Describe the resources which will be necessary for the work and how they should be used covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equipment • personnel • environment <p>3.4. Describe the aspects of the environment which may affect the animal and signs which indicate this</p> <p>3.5. Describe the limitations of the animal breed and of the particular animal concerned</p> <p>3.6. Describe methods of controlling the animal effectively in the situations in which it is being worked</p> <p>3.7. Describe how to encourage the animal to work effectively</p> <p>3.8. Describe the actions which may be necessary if the animal is not realising its potential or unexpected circumstances arise</p>
<p>4. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice</p>	<p>4.1. Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements</p>

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Exemptions, Credit Transfers and Equivalencies

Skills and Education Group Awards policy enables learners to avoid duplication of learning and assessment in a number of ways:

- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) – a method of assessment that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they already possess and do not need to develop through a course of learning.
- Exemption - Exemption applies to any certificated achievement which is deemed to be of equivalent value to a unit within a Skills and Education Group Awards qualification but which does not necessarily share the exact learning outcomes and assessment criteria. It is the assessor's responsibility, in conjunction with the Internal Moderator, to map this previous achievement against the assessment requirements of the Skills and Education Group Awards qualification to be achieved in order to determine its equivalence.

Any queries about the relevance of any certificated evidence, should be referred in the first instance to your centre's internal moderator and then to Skills and Education Group Awards.

It is important to note that there may be restrictions upon a learner's ability to claim exemption or credit transfer which will be dependent upon the currency of the unit/qualification and a learner's existing levels of skill or knowledge.

Where past certification only provides evidence that could be considered for exemption of part of a unit, learners must be able to offer additional evidence of previous or recent learning to supplement their evidence of achievement.

- Credit Transfer – Skills and Education Group Awards may attach credit to a qualification, a unit or a component. Credit transfer is the process of using certificated credits achieved in one qualification and transferring that achievement as a valid contribution to the award of another qualification. Units/Components transferred must share the same learning outcomes and assessment criteria along with the same unit number. Assessors must ensure that they review and verify the evidence through sight of:
 - original certificates OR
 - copies of certificates that have been signed and dated by the internal moderator confirming the photocopy is a real copy and make these available for scrutiny by the External Moderator
- Equivalencies – opportunities to count credits from the unit(s) from other qualifications or from unit(s) submitted by other recognised organisations towards the place of mandatory or optional unit(s) specified in the rule of combination. The unit must have the same credit value or greater than the unit(s) in question and be at the same level or higher.

Skills and Education Group Awards encourages its centres to recognise the previous achievements of learners through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Exemption, Credit Transfer and Equivalencies. Prior achievements may have resulted from past or present employment, previous study or voluntary activities. Centres should provide advice and guidance to the learner on what is appropriate evidence and present that evidence to the external moderator in the usual way.

Further guidance can be found in 'Delivering and Assessing Qualifications' which can be downloaded from the website.

Exemptions

There are no identified exemptions for these qualifications.

Equivalencies

There are no identified equivalencies for these qualifications.

Certification

Learners will be certificated for all units and qualifications that are achieved and claimed.

Skills and Education Group Awards policies and procedures are available on the website.

Glossary of Terms

GL (Guided Learning)

GLH is where the learner participates in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of a tutor (or other appropriate provider of education or training). It may be helpful to think – ‘Would I need to plan for a member of staff to be present to give guidance or supervision?’

GLH is calculated at qualification level and not unit/component level.

Examples of Guided Learning include:

- Face-to-face meeting with a tutor
- Telephone conversation with a tutor
- Instant messaging with a tutor
- Taking part in a live webinar
- Classroom-based instruction
- Supervised work
- Taking part in a supervised or invigilated assessment
- The learner is being observed.

TQT (Total Qualification Time)

‘The number of notional hours which represents an estimate of the total amount of time that could reasonably be expected to be required, in order for a learner to achieve and demonstrate the achievement of the level of attainment necessary for the award of a qualification.’ The size of a qualification is determined by the TQT.

TQT is made up of the Guided Learning Hours (GLH) plus all other time taken in preparation, study or any other form of participation in education or training but not under the direct supervision of a lecturer, supervisor or tutor.

TQT is calculated at qualification level and not unit/component level.

Examples of unsupervised activities that could contribute to TQT include:

- Researching a topic and writing a report
- Watching an instructional online video at home/e-learning
- Watching a recorded webinar
- Compiling a portfolio in preparation for assessment
- Completing an unsupervised practical activity or work
- Rehearsing a presentation away from the classroom
- Practising skills unsupervised
- Requesting guidance via email – will not guarantee an immediate response.