

# Purpose Statement

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## SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills – 501/0170/5

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### Overview

This qualification has been developed in collaboration with industry, providers and Lantra, the sector skills council for environmental and land-based industries. It develops practical skills, promotes sound working practices, and provides essential industry knowledge to help you to progress into higher levels of learning or into suitable employment in the land based sector.

The SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills flexible structure offers you the opportunity to select units that can be tailored into specialised learning packages in areas of interest that provide an incite of potential occupations and job roles within the animal care sector. The overall aim is to provide both skills experience and knowledge, through practical experience, on which to base future career and associated progression decisions for further and higher learning and ultimately employment in the animal care sector.

### Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for those 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. For example:

- school leavers who are keen to undertake a more practical qualification in a realistic working environment
- mature learners returning to study
- learners wanting to enhance future career opportunities
- learners wishing to work with companion animals

There are no specific qualification requirements for entry onto the Level 3 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills. However, it would be advisable to have completed a Level 2 or another Level 3 qualification in Animal Care, for instance:

- Level 2 Award or Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills
- Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care
- Level 3 Award in Practical Animal Care Skills

You should seek appropriate advice and guidance on the suitability of the qualification level before embarking on a course of study.

## What does this qualification cover?

This 30 credit qualification has one 4 credit mandatory unit. The remaining credit is selected from a large selection of units within a variety of pathways.

You will cover aspects of:

### **Mandatory units**

Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals

You can then take optional units that are relevant to your chosen pathway of interest:

### **Optional Pathways**

- Animal Care and Welfare
- Zoos / Wildlife Establishments
- Animal Training

You will cover aspects of: monitor and evaluate the implementation of animal management policies, load and unload animals for transportation, evaluate integrated training programmes for people and animals to realise their agreed outcomes, implement individual training programmes for animals and provide advice and guidance on the choice and care of animals to prospective keepers.

The content of the qualification will support you in developing and expanding your animal care knowledge and/or skills in preparation for further learning or training, at Level 3.

You will produce a portfolio of evidence for example; observations, witness statements, group discussion observation sheets, case studies, reports/notes.

## What could this qualification lead to?

### **Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?**

For those successfully achieving the SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills, the qualification will possibly aid progression into the following roles, both paid and voluntary:

- Animal Technician
- Animal/Dog Trainer
- Zoo Keeper
- Animal Management Technician

### **Will the qualification lead to further learning?**

Successful completion of the Level 3 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills provides you with a sound preparation for further vocational training, such as continuing onto other related qualifications at Level 4 or Apprenticeships at Level 3 in Animal Care.

### **Further Education**

- Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma in Animal Management
- Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care
- HNC/D Animal Care/Management
- FdSc in Animal Behaviour and Welfare

### **If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?**

The SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills is part of a small suite of qualifications:

- Level 3 Award in Practical Animal Care Skills
- Level 3 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills

The reason for having the varying sizes of qualification in the suite at level 3 is to meet the various needs of you the learner.

The Award sized qualification is appropriate for you (16+) as an introductory qualification, providing an understanding of animal care and provides an overview of potential occupations and job roles at Level 3.

The Certificate sized qualification is appropriate for you (16+) if you have completed the Level 3 Award and are committed to further learning through a bite sized approach, or for more motivated learners who are ready to make a longer commitment to learning, without first undertaking the smaller qualification.

The Certificate provides a comprehensive and challenging programme of study for those who have an interest and aptitude to progress in animal care and who have specific needs and interests to follow a specific specialism of animal care.

Having qualifications of various sizes within the suite provides you with opportunities to add further units at a later stage, as a progression route to another size of qualification (Award to Certificate). The different size qualifications add depth and breadth to the specialism being studied without duplicating the learning covered by each qualification.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information on the qualifications can be found at on the Skills and Education Group website.