

Purpose Statement

ABC Level 3 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (500/6738/2)

This qualification has been developed in collaboration with industry, providers and Lantra, the sector skills council for environmental and land-based industries. It is based on the National Occupational Standards developed by the industry and for the industry, to support their training needs.

The ABC Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care develops practical skills, promotes sound working practices that are fully in accordance with Animal Welfare requirements, and fosters effective communication skills, team-working, and customer satisfaction.

Overview

What does this qualification cover?

The ABC Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care covers a very wide range of areas related to the skills and knowledge that underpins occupational competence, required for working in the Animal Care industry.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is a work-related, competence based qualification and is designed for someone (16+) who is in work or who wishes to progress into work dealing with caring for animals.

This qualification has been included within the Advanced Animal Care Apprenticeship and is suitable for those who are new to the sector or are looking to develop advanced level skills, then taking this qualification within the Apprenticeship framework is for you.

If you are a mature, semi-experienced employee you can opt to complete this as a stand-alone qualification, ensuring recognition of your industrial experience and competency skills at Level 3.

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

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

What does the qualification cover?

This 54 credit qualification has five mandatory units: two 6 credit units and four 4 credit units. The content of the qualification will support you in developing and expanding your animal care skills/competence, knowledge and understanding, at Level 3.

You will cover aspects of:

Mandatory units

- Implement, monitor and evaluate plans for the health and welfare of animals
- Promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security in the workplace
- Plan the handling and restraint of animals
- Plan, supervise and control the movement of animals
- Monitor and evaluate the accommodation 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
- Dog Grooming
- Pet Care and Retail
- Animal Training
- Dog / Animal Wardens
- Animals in Education and Entertainment

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?

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress into employment, gain promotion to a more senior position within existing employment, link achievement of the Level 3 Diploma to an Advanced Apprenticeship in the sector or aim for higher management qualifications in the future. In addition, achievement of this qualification should provide a solid foundation of supervisory and management skills supporting progression to higher levels of responsibility and opening up the possibility of entrepreneurial activities such as starting your own business.

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

For those successfully achieving the ABC Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care the qualification will help you work in roles such as:

- Dog Groomer
- Animal Technician
- Dog Handler
- Animal/Dog Trainer
- Dog Warden
- Pet Shop Assistant
- Zoo Keeper
- Animal Management Technician

Will the qualification support progression to further learning, if so, what to?

By completing the ABC Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care, you are able to progress in your chosen career or follow further studies such as higher level programmes of learning e.g. Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas / Certificates, BA Honours Degrees and related professional courses. Examples of progression could be:

- BSc Hons in Animal Science
- FdSc in Animal Behaviour and Welfare
- HNC/D Animal Care
- BSc Animal Welfare
- BSc Animal Biology

Alternatively you could progress to other qualifications at Level 3 such as the Work-Based Diplomas in:

- Animal Care and Welfare
- Zoo/Wildlife Establishments
- Dog Grooming or Pet Care and Retail

Who supports this qualification?

Industry

- Lantra
- Coreassets
- LandEd
- Dogs Trust

Further Information

Further information on the qualification can be found at

http://www.abcawards.co.uk/Animal_Care/L3_Dip_WB_Animal_Care