

ABC Awards

SEG Awards ABC Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Dog Grooming)

Qualification Guidance

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Qualification Summary

ABC Awards Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Dog Grooming)

Qualifications and Pathways	
<p>Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Dog Grooming)</p> <p>Other pathways available</p> <p>Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Animal Care and Welfare)</p> <p>Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Zoos/Wildlife Establishments)</p> <p>Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Pet Care and Retail)</p> <p>Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Animal Training)</p>	
Regulated	The above identified qualifications are all regulated by Ofqual and Qualification Wales
Assessment	<p>Internal assessment, internal and external moderation</p> <p>The following units within the Dog Grooming pathway require independent assessment (as agreed with ABC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety [R/501/0874] • Promote and maintain the health and wellbeing of animals [H/502/1507] • Control and restrain animals [Y/502/1536] <p>If any of these units have been achieved as part of another qualification and credit transferred to the Work-Based Diploma, the learner must complete the independent assessment.</p> <p>See ABC website for further details.</p> <p>Specific requirements and restrictions may apply to individual units within qualifications. Please check unit and qualification details for specific information.</p>
Grading	Pass
Operational Start Date	01/08/2009
Review Date	31/08/2021
Operational End Date	31/08/2022
Certification End Date	31/08/2025
ABC Sector	Land Based
Ofqual SSA Sector	03.3 Animal Care and Veterinary Science
Stakeholder Support	This qualification is supported by Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for environmental and land-based industries
Contact	See ABC web site for the Centre Support Officer responsible for these qualifications

Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Dog Grooming)

Dog Grooming Pathway

To achieve the Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Dog Grooming) learners must achieve the Mandatory units including

Either

Maintain the cleanliness and bio security of the animal care working environment [T/502/1561]

Or

Prepare feed for animals [L/502/1467] and Provide feed and water to animals [D/502/1473]

plus a minimum of 8 credits from the Optional units

Unit	Level	Credit Value	GLH
Mandatory Units			
Maintain and develop personal performance [F/502/1689]	2	2	15
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others [T/502/1690]	2	2	15
Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals [H/502/1507]	2	4	30
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	23
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 and groom dogs prior to bathing [A/502/1691]	2	4	30
Bathe and clean dogs [D/502/1697]	2	3	23
and Either			
Maintain the cleanliness and bio security of the animal care working environment [T/502/1561]	2	5	38
Or			
Prepare feed for animals [L/502/1467]	2	2	15
Provide feed and water to animals [D/502/1473]	2	3	23
Optional Units			
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
Welcome, receive and care for visitors to sites [A/502/1609]	2	3	23
Carry out reception duties [M/502/1610]	2	2	15
Handle payments from clients [Y/502/1018]	2	2	15
Prepare and groom animals [L/502/1694]	2	4	30
Dry dogs and prepare their coat for styling [K/502/1704]	3	3	19

Communicate information within the workplace [Y/502/1195]	3	2	13
Maintain and store records within the workplace [D/502/1196]	3	2	13
Load and unload animals for transportation [K/502/1492]	2	3	23
Receive goods and materials into storage in a retail environment [R/503/5659]	2	4	22
Keep stock on sale at required levels in a retail environment [L/503/5661]	2	3	16
Deal with customer queries and complaints in a retail environment [F/503/5687]	2	4	24

Numbers in box brackets indicate unit number

If learners achieve credits from units of the same title (or linked titles) at more than one level, they cannot count credits achieved from both units towards the credit target of a qualification

Entry Requirements	16+					
Age Range	Pre 16		16 – 18	✓	19 +	✓
LARS Reference	50067400					
Recommended GLH²	330					
Recommended TQT³	440					
Credit Value	48					
Type of Funding Available	See LARS (Learning Aim Rates Service)					
Minimum Qualification Fee	See ABC web site for current fees and charges					
Unit Fee	Unit fees are based upon a unit's individual credit value. Please see the ABC web site for the current fee charged per credit.					
Additional Information	<p>Please see ABC web site for qualifications that are eligible for Credit Transfer/RPL/Exemption. This qualification replaces the L2 NVQ in Animal Care and forms part of the Level 2 Apprenticeship framework in Animal Care.</p> <p>The following units within the Dog Grooming pathway require independent assessment (as agreed with ABC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety [R/501/0874] • Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals [H/502/1507] • Control and restrain animals [Y/502/1536] <p>If any of these units have been achieved as part of another qualification and credit transferred to the Work-Based Diploma, the learner must complete the independent assessment.</p> <p>See ABC website for resources available for this qualification</p>					

² See Glossary of Terms

³ See Glossary of Terms

Introduction

The Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care (Dog Grooming) replaces the Level 2 NVQ in Animal Care and has been developed in collaboration with industry, providers, other Awarding Organisations and Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land based industries.

Pathways are available in Animal Care and Welfare, Zoos/Wildlife Establishments, Pet Care and Retail and Animal Training.

This qualification will be put forward as part of the Environmental and Land-based Studies Apprenticeship Framework. For the status of this qualification within the Apprenticeship Framework check the Lantra web site

Aims

The aims of the Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (Dog Grooming) are to:

- provide knowledge and understanding that will support effective and efficient working practices that are fully in accordance with Animal Welfare requirements and the five freedoms
- promote and encourage good working practices in relation to safety, bio security, transport, handling and restraint of animals and to customer transactions, stock rotation and retail activities
- encourage a pragmatic and structured approach to achieving the required standard of work in a way that, where possible, is enjoyed by the animal and the animal care operative
- foster good habits of observation and awareness of the characteristics, behavior, overall state and health of the animal throughout care operation
- develop competent practical skills in handling, grooming, care and training of animals to achieve the desired condition, visual appearance, appropriate behaviour and working or recreational effectiveness of the animal
- cultivate team-working practices and effective communication skills with the animal, its owner and colleagues to underpin the consistent achievement of customer satisfaction

Target Group

This qualification is designed for:

- learners from a wide variety of backgrounds who wish to obtain a practical qualification in animal care through vocational study

- school-leavers (16+) who are keen to undertake a more practical qualification in a realistic working environment/non traditional learning environment
- mature learners who are returning to study, particularly for people working in animal care welfare, protection, kennels and catteries, grooming, breeding, training, control, preservation or retail of animals and related care products, providing information, education and creation of access to view and enjoy
- learners employed full time as well as in the voluntary sector

ABC expects approved centres to recruit with integrity on the basis of a learner's ability to contribute to and successfully complete all the requirements of a unit(s) or the full qualification

Progression Opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress on to the ABC Level 3 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care, into employment, gain promotion to a more senior position within existing employment or progress into an advanced Apprenticeship in the sector.

Alternatively learners may wish to make use of the transferrable skills they have developed to widen their animal care experience by pursuing additional ABC Level 2 qualifications such as the Work-Based Diplomas in Animal Care and Welfare, Zoos/ Wildlife Establishments, Pet Care and Retail or Animal Training

In addition, achievement of ABC Level 2 qualifications may also provide a solid foundation upon which to develop skills in supervising and managing people supporting progression to higher levels of responsibility and opening up the possibility of entrepreneurial activities such as starting one's own business.

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

Language

These specifications and associated assessment materials are in English only.

Unit Details

Maintain and Develop Personal Performance

Unit Reference	F/502/1689
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 to be able to agree and develop their own personal performance with an appropriate person</p> <p>The learner will maintain and develop personal performance with regard to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working to targets and completing specific tasks • quality of work
Learning Outcomes (1 to 3) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 3.6) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Maintain personal performance	<p>1.1 Identify current competence and areas for development using relevant techniques and processes</p> <p>1.2 Carry out work in accordance with responsibilities and organisational requirements</p>
2. Develop personal performance	<p>2.1 Agree personal performance and targets with an appropriate person</p> <p>2.2 Review performance and progress regularly and use the outcome to plan future development activities</p> <p>2.3 Seek advice from an appropriate person if clarification is required concerning specific tasks</p> <p>2.4 Seek constructive feedback and advice from others and use it to help maintain and improve performance</p>
3. Know how to develop	3.1 State own limits of responsibility in relation to

personal performance	<p>specific tasks and activities</p> <p>3.2 State who to obtain advice from in relation to specific tasks and activities</p> <p>3.3 List the correct procedures for obtaining advice</p> <p>3.4 State the risks involved in not obtaining advice where specific tasks and activities are unclear</p> <p>3.5 Describe how to determine and agree development needs and personal targets</p> <p>3.6 State why personal performance should be reviewed</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NCU5.1</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

F/502/1689 Maintain and develop personal performance - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

Note 1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number on the left e.g. A.C1.3

Note 2: The example of maintaining and developing personal performance in this case will be in the workplace. Activities for maintaining and developing personal performance need to follow this example

LO1 and LO2 are the key areas of competence for this unit

Learning Outcome 1. Maintain personal performance

1.1 Identify opportunities within the workplace where current competence can be proven e.g. certification of previous qualifications and training events attended etc. identify areas for development within the workplace by identifying skills lacking possibly using personal performance targets already agreed with line managers. Refer to Staff Appraisals, reviews and peer observations

1.2 Carry out work in accordance with responsibilities and organisational requirements Carry out works to agreed standard and within the responsibilities of own role and to organisational requirements through both written and verbal instruction. Retention of records could be a useful source of evidence for this along with any feedbacks on performance from line managers or customers or fellow workers in the form of witness testimony.

Learning Outcome 2. Develop personal performance

2.1 Agree personal performance and targets with an appropriate person Agree and document a personal development plan and identify targets for a set period of time

2.2 Review performance and progress regularly and use the outcome to plan future development activities This LO will be achieved by regular reviews probably either 6 monthly or quarterly and these will need to be documented. Take the opportunity to plan any future identified needs.

2.3 Seek advice from an appropriate person if clarification is required concerning specific tasks Will be achieved by demonstrating communications either verbally or in writing if clarification on anything agreed in LO2 above.

2.4 Seek constructive feedback and advice from others and use it to help maintain and improve performance Constructive feedback may be evidenced at LO2 above or from feedback from colleagues and peers and

customers or partner organisations.

LO3 is the key area of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 3. Know how to develop personal performance

3.1 State own limits of responsibility in relation to specific tasks and activities

Be able to state the roles and responsibilities of own role for identified tasks and activities. Give details of own role from job description.

3.2 State who to obtain advice from in relation to specific tasks and activities

This will be from for example a supervisor or technical expert for the field in which advice is required.

3.3 List the correct procedures for obtaining advice

Be able to list correct procedures for obtaining advice for example on Health and Safety issues identified in the workplace maybe faulty equipment and to know who to go to to obtain the correct advice such as a line manager or supervisor .

3.4 State the risks involved in not obtaining advice where specific tasks and activities are unclear

Be able to demonstrate the risks to the individual and the organisation when task outcomes are unclear and give an example of what could go wrong if acting on unsound or inaccurate advice. Example such as a faulty machine or equipment not being repaired and the possible dangers and consequences to self and others in workplace

3.5 Describe how to determine and agree development needs and personal targets

Refer to L.O. 2.1 and describe the process.

3.6 State why personal performance should be reviewed

Be able to state the reasoning behind reviewing the objectives and targets set and understand the need to ensure that the organisations and the individual's targets are met. Example as for Health and Safety issues identified that require action to ensure staff safety and legal requirements of the organisation.

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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

Learning Outcomes (LO)1 and 2

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks involved in maintaining and developing personal performance and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria and therefore competence.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO)3

Delivery of this learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

It is important that practical assessment activities are supervised appropriately

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria.

The assessment of some knowledge and understanding may take place in a non work based environment e.g. training centre, however it must link directly to workplace performance and include performance evidence

All learners must complete a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Centres will need to devise assessment tasks which should be practical where possible e.g. Learning Outcomes 1 and 2 link together and competence can be assessed practically by observation or by generation of diverse evidence. These could also link to Learning Outcomes 3 to allow knowledge evidence to be gathered during the practical activities

Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

ABC expects that staff will be appropriately qualified to assess learners against the outcomes and criteria within the units. Generally teaching staff should be qualified and/or vocationally experienced to at least a level above that which they are teaching.

Individual units and qualifications are subject to specific additional requirements as stipulated by SSC Assessment Strategy.

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Evidence presented to support achievement is not prescribed for each learning outcome. It **could** typically include:

- Product evidence
- Observation reports
- Oral/written questions and answers
- Reports/notes
- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment

- Tool / equipment inventory lists / maintenance schedules
- Pictorial identifications
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

This is not an exhaustive list and learners should be encouraged to develop the most appropriate evidence to demonstrate their achievement of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

All evidence must be clearly signposted and made available for the external moderator upon request.

All internal assessments must be accompanied by a signed Declaration of Authenticity (this document is available on the ABC web site).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

- The Health and Safety Executive website <http://www.hse.gov.uk/> has useful information about identifying what health and safety legislation applies to areas of work and lists of Acts, Statutory instruments and legal publications
- The Office of Public Information website <http://www.opsi.gov.uk> has year by year lists of UK Acts and Statutory Instruments

See ABC website for further information

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 2.5) <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</p>

	<p>can be maintained</p> <p>2.3 State the methods of dealing with disagreements within the workplace</p> <p>2.4 Describe own level of responsibility in relation to dealing with disagreements</p> <p>2.5 State why effective communication is important</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards O239NCU 5.2</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

**T/502/1690 Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others
- Level 2**

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

Note1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number on the left e.g. AC 1.3

Note 2: The example of establish and maintain effective working relationships with others in this case will be in the workplace.

LO1 is the key area of competence for this unit

Learning Outcome 1. Maintain working relationships with others

1.1 Identify opportunities to improve working practices with the

appropriate person Identify opportunities within the workplace where working practices could be improved (e.g. Health and Safety, types of PPE, methods of operation, and allocation and use of resources) and identify appropriate persons such as work colleagues, supervisors and customers or partners who these may benefit. Also refer to satisfying contractual requirements if appropriate.

1.2 Carry out activities requiring co-operation with others in accordance with required procedures Implement some of the above in LO1.1. Carry out activities involving third parties such as other departments or organisations and gaining permissions or authorisations to undertake tasks

1.3 Communicate with others in a way which promotes effective working relationships Demonstrate different communication skills e.g. e-mails, written, verbal, hand signals

1.4 Keep others informed about work plans or activities which affect them Refer to LO3 and demonstrate that the above have been undertaken in timely manner and within the regulations and policies of the organisation, ensuring legal compliance at all times.

1.5 Seek assistance from others without causing undue disruption to normal work activities Demonstrate a cross department or within department agreement and provide evidence of assistance being given (written, verbal) whilst maintaining efficiency within the workplace.

1.6 Respond in a timely and positive way when others ask for help or information Provide evidence and demonstrate that information's requested have been delivered in a timely and positive manner

LO2 is the key area of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 2. Understand why good working practices are important

2.1 State why good working relationships are important State evidences of good working relationships and the importance of them through written and verbal communications. Demonstrate knowledge of why this is good e.g. Efficiency, cost effectiveness, trust, building relationships that benefit all parties involved etc.

2.2 Suggest ways in which good working relationships can be maintained Communications, openness, honesty, timing of works, taking into account others needs of customers and clients.

2.3 State the methods of dealing with disagreements within the workplace Demonstrate knowledge of the organisations policy and procedures. Reporting procedures and hierarchy of control such as who you report to.

2.4 Describe own level of responsibility in relation to dealing with disagreements Describe where you are in terms of organisational chart and the hierarchy (note legislation and roles and responsibilities dependant upon the type of disagreement)

2.5 State why effective communication is important as in LO1.3

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 1

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 2

Delivery of this learning outcome is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

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METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

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assessment criteria.

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Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

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- The website <http://www.netregs.gov.uk/> provides helpful guidance about environmental regulations

See ABC website for further information

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	<p>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</p> <p>This unit requires independent assessment (see Methods of Assessment below)</p>
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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trauma • stress <p>1.5 Carry out two of the following procedures to 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>
2. Be able to work safely	<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>
3. Be able to maintain accurate records	<p>3.1 Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes</p>
4. Know how to promote and maintain the health and welfare of animals	<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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>
5. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice	<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>
6. Know how to maintain accurate records	<p>6.1 Identify the types of records required and explain the importance of accurate record keeping</p>
Mapping to National Occupational Standards	

Supporting Unit Information

H/502/1507 Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals

– Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

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Note 1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number listed e.g. LO1.3

Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive.

Note 3: The main example used here are goats, however any appropriate animal can be used

LO1, LO2 and LO3 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to promote and maintain the health and welfare of animals

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 Goats must be cared for well, in a manner that optimises their health and productivity (see Defra's Animal Welfare Act and codes of recommendations for welfare of livestock and other relevant animal health acts, The British Goat Society web site). All types of goat must have a suitable environment (place to live) e.g. milking goats need suitable safe grazing area, and/or hygienic, draft free, well bedded, warm, but well ventilated in door accommodation. A suitable diet, e.g. fresh water, herbage, concentrate feed preferably specifically designed and balanced for goats, and a source of quality fibre hay, haylage or straw (not oat straw). They must be able to exhibit normal behaviour i.e. move normally play and clean themselves properly, be housed with suitable mates, and be protected from stress (for example-lack of feed/water/fibre, frightened, too hot or too cold), or pain (for example-bad handling pulling by the ear, leg or neck), injury (for example inflicted by bad handling, choking, poor environment, incorrect veterinary procedures, and disease (e.g. ringworm, pneumonia, milk fever). i.e. The five freedoms)

1.2 Provide animals with sufficient and effective opportunities to move, and maintain physical functioning Animals need time to show natural behaviour to be able to move enough to keep their body functioning correctly (by scratching, licking, grooming themselves and keeping fit), eating and

drinking correctly to maintain healthy and be fit for purpose. They need to be able to choose a dry area to lie so they can keep themselves at an optimum temperature and as clean, and healthy as possible Exercise promotes health; which facilitates easy kidding, so in kid goats need more exercise than feeding goats, as they need to be fit not fat. Stabled horses need more exercise than horses at grass; growing sheep need more exercise than ewes.

1.3 Monitor and report the animals' physical condition and behaviour at suitable intervals (to include the following) Observe the animals as in LO1.2 to enable a correct prognosis of the animals' health

- **appearance** Chewing its cud, vocalising, and breathing normally, looking alert with bright eyes, shiny coat, damp nose, signs of deformities.
- **posture and movement** i.e. standing and moving correctly, standing with weight evenly on all legs, walking and running without limping and nodding its head, moving at an appropriate speed for the situation
- **behaviour** eating, drinking, licking scratching, smelling, looking and reacting to stimuli,
- **bodily functioning** i.e. temperature, pulse rate and respiration rate correct, urinating and defecating normally without scouring or becoming constipated and without pain. Urine and faeces the correct colour and smell

1.4 Social interaction i.e. interacting or failing to interact with people or other livestock (playing with its mates, fighting with its peers or standing on its own which usually indicates illness or kidding if appropriate)

Report the finding clearly and accurately to the correct person (E.g. Your line manager who could be section manager, farmer, small holder, pet owner, keeper, teacher, or if required and within your job role vet)

1.5 Identify, record and report five abnormal signs that might indicate the following These may indicate potential ill health, but not always. Monitor record and report the findings from LO1.3 that could indicate problems

- **disease** can be indicated by changes in behaviour; involving signs such as lack of cudding, lameness, rapid breathing poor coat, sunken eyes, dry nose are signs of a raised temperature and dehydration all of which can indicate a variety of diseases in goats such as acetoneemia, pneumonia, foot rot or Caprine arthritis encephalitis.
- **disabilities** lameness can indicate deformed bent legs or feet, or they may be blind unable to see.
- **disorders** incorrect bodily functions e.g. those brought on by lack of or incorrect food can be identified by choking or scouring, milk fever and staggers.
- **pest infection** goats itching and biting themselves could indicate external parasites such as lice or internal parasites indicated by scouring lose of weight.
- **trauma** lameness, incorrect vocalising, blood cuts etc can indicate pain, signs of injuries, broken legs and horns.
- **stress** can be caused by environmental stressors i.e. too hot, too cold, too dry, too wet, lack of or too much food, over stocked with milk, This type of stress can be sometimes worse than stress from fear of people, unusual noises and violent occurrences; stress can be observed at different levels e.g. Tail swishing, defecating, starey eyed and increased vocalisation (snorting); too ultimately if stressors are not removed by flight and or aggression which can put animal and people in danger.

All signs of ill health must be reported a.s.a.p. to the appropriate person listed in LO3, be recorded (individual animal log book, herd record, diary) and

appropriate remedial action can then be investigated. E.g. Goats scouring; supply medication and/or change diet contact veterinary surgeon.

1.6 Carry out two of the following procedures to promote animal's health and welfare correctly and at a suitable time for the animals concerned preventative care for goats i.e. Care of new born kid. Provision of

colostrum, check dry and warm, standing moving and feeding correctly.

Vaccinations e.g. clostridial diseases (8 in 1), blue tongue, and internal and external parasite control for the herd

- **environmental changes** i.e. Move goats to more appropriate area e.g. move field and or accommodation. Cleaning out of soiled, wet bedding and waste material, change the rate of ventilation, and reducing or increasing stocking density which can all have an effect in the humidity of the air and resulting levels of bacterial or viral infections. Low temperatures rarely have an adverse effect on goats unless they are inadequately fed or ill, however high temperatures and high humidity can be fatal.
- **changes of food and water provision** i.e. Provide the correct feed in the correct amounts in response to for example changes in weather conditions or nutritional demands such as pre/post kidding or when drying off goats.

1.7 Record and report animals' reaction to specific procedures Observe the effects of the procedures completed in LO1.5 and report the benefit/lack of benefit to the animals in question as regards physical condition and behaviour. Ref LO1.3. E.g. Goat placed in specifically designed accommodation for kidding. Need to record date, time, outcome, and report to person in charge. Vaccine, wormer used discussed with person in charge and recorded in medicine record

1.8 Seek assistance immediately for any animals' health or welfare emergency and initiate action as appropriate to the situation Unusual signs need to be reported as soon as possible to the person in charge. Ref LO1.3 so he can sort or ring the vet or police if applicable to prevent further problems, illness and even death. Animal health emergencies can be illness, injury or escape e.g. a goat kid with scour (diarrhoea) must have electrolytes and probably antibiotics a.s.a.p. to prevent further deterioration and may well need veterinary attention. A goat choking will need attention quickly to prevent suffocation and death.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to work safely

2.1 Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements

Know who to report to if unsure about own roles and queries as regards Health and Safety and animal health and welfare. Ref LO1.3. Know current legislation. E.g. Animal Health Acts, Health and Safety Acts, PUWER, Environmental Protection Acts, COPs as applicable. Know the risks relating to the animals that will be cared for, e.g. one goat might be older and more aggressive than the others, and candidates will need to know to take more care when caring for certain highlighted individuals or groups. Use of risk assessments can be a good teaching and learning tool. Candidates should be aware of the five freedoms (freedom from discomfort, hunger and thirst, pain injury and disease, fear and distress, and free to show normal behaviour. To enable the livestock under your care to be content, thrive and grow well.)

2.2 Dispose of waste safely and correctly The importance of environmental issues when disposing of all categories of livestock waste products. is paramount, organic waste including feed should be removed and disposed of

correctly in the muck heap which must be situated on concrete or solid base to ensure that no run off can occur, which may pollute nearby water courses. Inorganic waste comprising of paper, glass, metal and plastic, must be recycled or disposed of in the municipal bins as instructed by the person in charge. Ref LO1.3. The importance of removal and not feeding contaminated feed and water should be highlighted.

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to maintain accurate records.

3.1 Provide clear accurate information for recording Report procedures in LO1.5 and LO2.2 to the correct person ref LO1.3 in the correct format for e.g. animal medicine book, animal record book, herd record, medicine record, waste disposal records, and diary.

LO4, LO5 and LO6 are the key areas of knowledge for this unit.

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to promote and maintain the health and welfare of animals

4.1 Identify the purpose for which the animals are being kept Animals may be kept for a variety of reasons; production e.g. Farm Production e.g. goat milk. Display e.g. zoos, wildlife centres. Pets. Entertainment e.g. circuses. Environmental control.

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

Ref LO1.5 Other examples could include; cat's routine flea protection by use of spot on, flea collars, worming. Red mite of poultry thrives in dirty poultry houses, which therefore must be cleaned and disinfected regularly. Laying hens will not lay at low temperatures and short day length

Modern properly formulated proprietary feeds have been developed for most species and are useful for counteracting dietary deficiencies. E.g. cats, dogs, poultry, cattle sheep, pigs etc. Environmental and handling stressors Ref LO1.4 must be kept to a minimum and a knowledge of flight zones and correct handling methods for chosen species known.

4.3 Describe why animals need exercise and how the type and amount varies at different stages in an animal's life Exercise is important for all classes of livestock. Ref LO1.2 all young growing animals need to play, to help develop strong bones and muscles: Animals at grass obtain their exercise naturally. Feeding and finishing livestock need less exercise to promote the laying down of muscle and correct body condition, while pregnant animals need enough exercise to keep them fit and healthy so they are able to give birth more easily, in many mammals the feed intake at the end of gestation is in proportion to the final birth weight of the young e.g. cows, sheep

4.4 Provide examples of how two different species of animals maintain their own physical condition and appearance Ref LO1.2 e.g. well fed animals spend a lot of time looking after themselves by scratching, licking, & grooming themselves. Keeping fit by eating and drinking correctly e.g. grazing or hunting. All animals need to be able to choose a dry area to lie so they can keep themselves at an optimum temperature and as clean, and healthy as possible

4.5 Describe all the visual signs which indicate the following potential problems with an animal's health and welfare Ref LO1.4 e.g. iii. A disorder - A goat with a false pregnancy or 'Cloudburst' suddenly voids from the vulva a large quantity of cloudy fluid after which the abdomen goes back

to normal, provide six examples one each for disease, disability, disorder, pest infestation, trauma, and stress

- 4.6 Describe two types of preventative care used to maintain the health and welfare of animals** Ref LO1.5 e.g. Use of 8 in 1 clostridial vaccine for goats.
- 4.7 State how the environment may be adjusted to maintain two species of animals' health and welfare** Ref LO 1.5 e.g. Use of extra bedding to keep milking goats clean. Use of lagging 'Hutch Huggers' to keep outside hutches warm in winter (rabbits, guinea pigs).
- 4.8 State the importance of providing an adequate supply of feed and water** Ref LO 1.5. All animals need the correct amount of feed and water to keep healthy. This may vary for the specific role of the animal concerned. The milk yield of a goat for example is dependent on its intake of water and a correctly balanced ration in proportion to its milk yield; it will need more food than a goat in the early stages of pregnancy. Also animals on a sub maintenance diet will eventually die, but sub maintenance diets may be used for short periods to reduce obesity or prevent birth problems for example.

Learning Outcome 5. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

- 5.1 Outline the current health and safety, animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements** Ref LO1.1 and LO2.1. Legislation that relates to employment Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) and updates, COSHH (1991) and updates, Working Time Regulations (2009) Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (1998) PUWER. Legislation that relates to animals, Animal Health Act (1981) and associated acts, e.g. Animal Welfare Act 2006, Control of Dogs Order (1992), Dangerous Dogs Act 1991), Transport of Animals order (2006), Environment Protection Acts. State responsibility for keeping safe when handling animals: It is important that candidates know which animals are safe for them to handle. They must be aware of the flight zone of the animals, and how they can be hurt by for example, biting, scratching, kicking or butting, by crushing, and zoonosis. Also the legislation in place to protect the animals under their care.
- 5.2 Describe how environmental damage can be minimised** By disposing of waste correctly. Ref LO2.2. By taking precautions when feeding livestock outside to prevent damage to the ground and surrounding areas, the effect of carbon foot print and air miles on the environment in connection to the animals concerned.
- 5.3 Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste** Ref LO 2.2

Learning Outcome 6. Know how to maintain accurate records

- 6.1 Identify the types of records required and explain the importance of accurate record keeping** Ref LO1.4 LO1.6 LO3. In many industries legislation is in place to ensure correct records are kept for traceability purposes. The importance of the use of the records to promote the future health and well being of not just the animals being treated, but in the whole of the UK should be impressed on the candidates.

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 1, 2 and 3

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 4, 5 and 6

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

It is important that practical assessment activities are supervised appropriately.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

If a learner is completing this qualification as part of their Apprenticeship, they MUST include independent assessment as specified by ABC Awards. The Independent Knowledge Questions that must be used can be found on the ABC Awards website.

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Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

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EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment
- Tool / equipment inventory lists / maintenance schedules
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

- The Defra web site <http://www.defra.gov.uk> has details of the animal welfare acts and The Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of livestock are useful sources of information for various species however some of the 2007 legislation referred to may be out of date due to rapidly changing legislations. The British Goat Society web site. www.allgoats.com
- The Health and Safety Executive website <http://www.hse.gov.uk/> has useful information about identifying what health and safety legislation applies to areas of work and lists of Acts, Statutory instruments and legal publications
- The Office of Public Information website <http://www.opsi.gov.uk> has year by year lists of UK Acts and Statutory Instruments
- The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs website has up to date information about legislation, codes of practice and consultations in the horticultural / agricultural sectors
- The Environment Agency website <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk> provides guidance about environmental permitting, pollution and emissions, hazardous waste, water etc

See ABC website for further information

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 (see indicative content below) <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	2.1 Provide the following current and uncontaminated prescribed medication only for the intended animal

	<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>
3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	<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>
4. Know how to deliver basic treatments to animals	<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>
5. Know how to provide prescribed	<p>5.1 State the significance of expiry dates on drugs and medications</p>

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

Supporting Unit Information

Y/502/1505 Deliver basic treatments to animals - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

Note 1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number listed e.g. LO1.3

Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive

Note 3: For the purpose of this indicative content a canine will be discussed, however this should be adapted to apply to a range of species

LO1, LO2 and LO3 are outcomes of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to deliver basic treatments to animals

1.1 Use the correct technique to give the specified treatment at the correct time. Treatments to include

- **cleaning and hygiene procedures** grooming, bathing, nail clipping, ear cleaning
- **basic health care treatments** under the Veterinary Surgeons Act Schedule 3 lay persons are not permitted to carry out acts of veterinary surgery. Therefore basic health care treatments would include prophylactic treatments such as wormers, flea treatments, medication under the direct supervision of a veterinary surgeon and medicated shampoos
- **routine procedures** follow instructions, record procedure completed and response

1.2 Immediately seek assistance when it is not possible to carry out the treatment seek assistance from colleagues and supervisors

1.3 Ensure records of the treatment are accurate, legible and complete and comply with any legislative requirements record all information as soon as treatment has been carried out, record in a clear manner either verbal, written or electronic, ensure records are kept and are current.

1.4 Observe animals after treatments and immediately report any unusual signs observe for signs of stress or reactions. Monitor vital signs – temperature, pulse and respiration. Signs of reaction may include panting, vomiting, vocalisation, increased or decreased pulse and or respiratory rates, pyrexia, hypothermia, collapse, fits. Report any signs to supervisor and complete a written record.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to provide prescribed medication

2.1 Provide the following current and uncontaminated prescribed

medication only for the intended animal

- **preventative** prophylactic treatments such as flea treatment, wormers, medicated creams and shampoos
- **prescriptive** follow prescription accurately on medications such as antibiotics, anti-inflammatories

2.2 Use and store drugs, medications and equipment in accordance with veterinary instructions and organisational policy administer following prescription i.e. dose and route. Store drugs appropriately to their classification – shelves, refrigerated, locked cabinets. Ensure equipment is stored in correct location, clean and ready for use. Follow veterinary legislation and practice procedures.

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

3.1 Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements wash hands before and after administering treatment. Wear gloves when dispensing and administering treatments. Seek assistance for restraint when required. Work in a safe and secure area. Dispose of veterinary waste following correct procedures.

3.2 Dispose of waste safely and correctly follow legislation such as Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Separate waste into approved containers.

LO4, LO5 and LO6 are knowledge outcomes.

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to deliver basic treatments to animals

4.1 Describe the equipment to select for each treatment pill givers, pill splitters pipettes, needles, syringes, PPE such as gloves and aprons

4.2 Describe how to administer prescribed basic health care treatments follow prescription and veterinary direction. Wear PPE see LO4.1. Seek assistance for restraint. Follow correct route and dosage. This may include oral, topical or parental.

4.3 State the importance of keeping to instructions for basic health care treatments to ensure correct treatment and dose is given to the correct animal. To ensure doses are not repeated or missed.

4.4 Describe the potential consequences of not keeping to instructions and procedures for carrying out treatments incorrect treatment or dose being given. Deterioration or lack of recovery of patient. Hazards to staff. Potential side effects of incorrect treatment see LO1.4

4.5 Describe how to use restraint techniques ensure method used is suitable to individual. Approach quietly and confidently, ensure on animals level but at a safe distance. Restrain on non-slip surfaces in an escape proof area. Ensure head is in a secure hold. Support the body and allow access to area needed. Use equipment where necessary such as slip leads, haltis, muzzles – appropriate size, dog catcher and chemical restraint.

4.6 State the reasons and legislative requirements for 'withdrawal periods' for animals the amount of time needed for an animal to metabolise a drug and be reduced to a "safe" level in tissues. Relevant to food producing animals. Animals cannot be sold or supplied for human consumption before withdrawal periods are complete.

4.7 Outline the reasons for personal hygiene and safety precautions (e.g.

communicable diseases between animals and humans) to prevent cross contamination between patients, prevent transmission of zoonotic disease, prevent injury to those administering medication, prevent absorption or ingestion of drug by humans.

4.8 Describe the changes in the condition of the animal which may occur after the treatment improvement of clinical signs, prevention or treatment of condition. See LO1.4

4.9 State why it is necessary to monitor the behaviour of animals after treatment and report unusual signs to ensure treatment type, route and dose is effective. To record any reactions to the treatment. Signs must be reported to enable further monitoring and changes of treatment.

4.10 Identify the types of records required and explain the importance of accurate record keeping written, verbal and electronic. Patient files and hospitalisation records. These should include treatment, frequency, dose and route. Accurate records must be kept to enable accurate monitoring and communication.

Learning Outcome 5. Know how to provide prescribed medication to animals

5.1 State the significance of expiry dates on drugs and medications expiry date is the date to which the manufacturer can guarantee the potency and safety of the drug.

5.2 Describe the possible sources of contamination to medication and how to identify damage – bacteria from other animals or contaminated equipment, damp, mould. Damage can be identified by damaged packaging, change in appearance, disintegration.

Learning Outcome 6. Know relevant health and safety and animal welfare legislation

6.1 Outline the current health and safety legislation, animal welfare, codes of practice and any additional requirements The Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2005, The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, The Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001, RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct, Health & Safety at Work Act, Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

6.2 Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste see LO3.2

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Select and Prepare Accommodation for Animals

Unit Reference	R/502/1521
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 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
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	1.1 Select accommodation according to specified requirements 1.2 Select, prepare and maintain the necessary equipment and materials for use 1.3 Prepare accommodation in a safe, secure and clean state which maintains animal health and welfare 1.4 Identify the suitable environmental conditions for the animals and adapt where possible 1.5 Identify potential hazards and take the appropriate action to remove them 1.6 Introduce animals to the accommodation in a way which maintains their health and welfare
2. Be able to monitor the suitability of accommodation	2.1 Assess the animals response to the accommodation 2.2 Monitor, record and/or report animals' responses

	<p>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>
3. Be able to work safely and maintain animal health and welfare	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
4. Know the animals accommodation needs	<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>
5. Know how to select and prepare accommodation for animals	<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 and welfare of animals for two animals with different</p>

	<p>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>
6. Know how to introduce animals to their accommodation promoting health and welfare	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)
7. Know relevant health and safety legislation	7.1 Outline the current health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare and codes of practice and any additional requirements
Mapping to National Occupational Standards	

Supporting Unit Information

R/502/1521 Select and prepare accommodation for animals – Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

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Note 3: The examples used here are guinea pigs, however any appropriate species or mixture of species can be used

LO1, LO2 and LO3 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to select and prepare accommodation for animals

1.1 Select accommodation according to specified requirements Choose the correct designed (size, fittings and materials) penning well sited, for inside/outside pens and hutches. They must be well lit, safe and warm, not too noisy, well ventilated and clean (guinea pigs are susceptible to ammonia fumes resulting in pneumonia) with suitable nesting box available to hide and sleep, for warmth and companionship. Size dependant on numbers expected, mature size and duration of stay. Choose accommodation for circumstance/requirement - Long stay i.e. permanent housing. Short stay i.e. temporary accommodation for use when cleaning out permanent accommodation or transport to new accommodation or to vets for example, hospitalization e.g. at vets, isolation/quarantine to prevent fighting, breeding or transmission of diseases accommodation for breeding, will be larger with a bigger than normal very well bedded nesting area, pet, or for display purposes so they can be seen more easily by visitors.

1.2 Select, prepare and maintain the necessary equipment and materials for use Collect bedding (soft hay for guinea pigs) and other materials (e.g. disinfectant if needed) for end of process as needed, from storage room or, as directed from the correct person (E.g. Your line manager who could be section manager, farmer, small holder, pet owner, keeper, teacher, team leader) Collect all equipment as directed above e.g. Skip, brush, dustpan, shovel required; check fit for purpose, clean, no breakages, safe and in good repair, defects reported to person in charge. If electrical or powered equipment is used e.g. pressure washers/vacuum cleaner, ensure person in charge has checked ability of operator, status of machine, power supply and circuit

breakers, and PAT tested if applicable.

1.3 Prepare accommodation in a safe, secure and clean state which maintains animal health and welfare

Clean accommodation - All wet and dirty material removed, flooring (preferably water resistant) cleaned and disinfected as required. Clean and dry bedding (e.g. soft hay) placed in house. Clean all buckets and utensils used in the feeding process and replace correctly in readiness for the next feed time, also mend or report any damage to facilities and the equipment used.

Check safety and security of accommodation – Accommodation must be vermin, predator, wind and waterproof.

Healthy and animal welfare conducive, environment - A warm, draft free, enclosed living /sleeping area is essential, within the main larger run as guinea pigs like to nestle up together in confined but not too small area. Areas for exercise and play designed to prevent boredom, box and hutch chewing etc. Food should be well balanced varied, and they need a good supply of water.

1.4 Identify the suitable environmental conditions for the animals and adapt where possible

Correct temperature dry and well ventilated. Ref LO1.3 warm and dry sleeping areas. Hutches not near car exhausts for example, outdoor hutches must be water proof and may need hutch huggers in cold weather, shade in hot weather.

1.5 Identify potential hazards and take the appropriate action to remove them

Hazards as identified must be reported to person in charge Ref LO1.2 Examples could be- water hazard from leaking water bowl or spillages, equipment lying around, broken equipment, or damaged infrastructure, Zoonosis e.g. ringworm. Candidates must know their responsibility for keeping safe and reducing the risks to themselves and others by working in a tidy manner to reduce the risks (Safety at Work Acts) Know responsibility for keeping accommodation clean, tidy, safe, reduce the risks also to the animals concerned. The use of risk assessments to highlight each hazard; the level of risks and what they need to do to reduce the risk.

1.6 Introduce animals to the accommodation in a way which maintains their health and welfare

Guinea pigs must be introduced quietly and sensibly to new accommodation. Handle firmly, but not too hard, holding them correctly; hand under chest and front feet and one hand supporting hindquarters, close to handlers chest. Use small transporting box or crate to move even small distances to reduce risk of dropping and escape. Always introduce as a group never put a new one into a group who already have their territory marked; mix elsewhere then later return to original pen, after new guinea pig has been accepted. Care for guinea pigs well, in a manner that optimises their health and fitness. They must have a suitable environment (place to live) a suitable diet, be able to exhibit normal behaviour, housed with suitable mates, be protected from stress pain injury and disease. (i.e. Five freedoms)

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to monitor the suitability of accommodation

2.1 Assess the animals response to the accommodation

Observe body language of guinea pig/pigs when introduced to cleaned or new accommodation. Are they frightened (smells dangers new mates etc) Can they navigate ramps runs etc, are they eating food supplied, can they reach the water?

2.2 Monitor, record and/or report animals' responses to the

accommodation as required Note guinea pigs responses and body language over a period of time. Ref LO2.1s it making friends with new acquaintances, can it navigate correctly has it found food water, shelter, report to person in charge Ref LO 1.2 and record as instructed, e.g. pen/cage/animal record books, boards, or diary . Reports can be verbal or annotated behavioural records.

2.3 Monitor and review suitability of accommodation With results from LO2.2 review accommodation. E.g. Lower ramp angles change height of feeders, change volume of hay in sleeping area , alter ventilation, lighting, temperature to suit the time of year so guinea pigs are content.

2.4 Recommend or modify, as appropriate changes to the accommodation

Implement changes as highlighted in LO2.3 as pertinent to your job role or recommend to person in charge Ref LO1.2.

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to work safely and maintain animal health and welfare

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

Work safely according to current legislation with due regard to animal health and welfare e.g. Animal Health Acts, Health and Safety, PUWER, Environmental Protection Acts, Codes of Practices as applicable, risk assessment and any other additional requirements. Learners do not need to know the intricacies of these laws but they do need to know basic safety requirements, cleanliness, feed bedding and ventilation requirements. Animal waste including feed should be removed and disposed of correctly as instructed, in accordance to environmental legislation, in muck heap or allocated container. The importance of not feeding contaminated feeds should be highlighted, also the importance of environmental issues Ref LO1.5 when disposing of all categories of livestock waste products. Waste water disposed in a dirty water system.

LO4, LO5, LO6, LO7 are the key areas of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 4. Know the animals' accommodation needs

4.1 Describe animal accommodation needs in respect to

- **ventilation** - Accommodation needs to be well ventilated but not draughty and cold Ref LO1.1 LO2
- **light** - Guinea pigs do not like well lit sleeping areas but they like their feeding and exercise areas well lit. Ref LO1.1
- **structure and fittings** – Need to be safe and suitable for the guinea pigs; e.g. no sharp edges correct ramp angles if needed, correct sized entrances and exits, feeding bowls and equipment. Ref LO1.1
- **temperature** – Guinea pigs can withstand wide variation in temperatures if they have adequate food and bedding Ref LO1.3
- **noise** – Most animals can get used to a variety of background noises but sudden bangs and loud noises cause stress and fright. Ref LO1.4
- **siting** – Correct positioning of housing needed for all animals away from drafts, fumes, noise, and widely varying temperature and wind variations. Ref LO1.4.

4.2 State the different animals' accommodation, animal health and welfare needs covering

- **suitability to animal**- Correct size, temperature and fit for purpose. Ref LO1.1 LO2.2
- **freedom of movement** - Guinea pigs really like big runs with plenty of grass Ref LO1.3
- **minimise stress** – Guinea pigs do not like loud noises and are easily frightened. Ref LO1.6
- **intended purpose length of stay** - Depending on need of animal/keeper Ref LO1.1
- **enrichment** – Guinea pigs like a variety of areas to explore also a varied diet that would include different suitable vegetables as well as proprietary feeds and water. Ref LO1.6, LO2.1.

4.3 Changes in accommodation through animal's life As animals mature they grow e.g. Baby guinea pigs can grow to about 1 kg and consequently need more room as they mature. Guinea pigs should be housed in minimums of two and not with other small animals e.g. rabbits. If breeders, then for example more space and larger nest boxes are needed. The bigger the animal and if breeding the more food is required. Ref LO1.1, LO2.2.

Learning Outcome 5. Know how to select and prepare animal accommodation for animals.

- 5.1 Animal accommodation needs and factors to take into account in respect to ventilation, light, structure and fittings, temperature, noise, siting** Ref LO4.1
- 5.2 Materials, fittings, environmental conditions animals need in their accommodation to keep fit and healthy** Animals need to live within the five freedoms Ref LO1.6. Accommodation needs identified Ref LO1.1 and monitored ref LO2.2, to enable the guinea pigs, for example, to be content. All aspects listed in LO4.1 need identified and checked.
- 5.3 How to promote and maintain animals' health and welfare for two different animals with different physical and behavioural needs:** Ref LO3.1. Animals chosen by candidate to enable demonstration of knowledge e.g. Physical needs - a dog has very different needs to a guinea pig requiring different feed and exercise, different housing e.g. kennel and or household pet. Behavioural needs- large amounts of freedom, exercise and training to ensure the dog will behave properly as required and keep mentally aware and content. Ref LO1.3
- 5.4 How to minimise two significant hazards to the animal which may occur in accommodation:** Hazard chosen by candidate to show knowledge of hazard and level of risk. Ref LO 1.5

Learning Outcome 6. Know how to introduce animals to their accommodation promoting health and welfare

- 6.1 For two animals with different physical and behavioural needs describe methods of introducing them into accommodation which minimises their stress and optimises their acceptance:** Animals chosen by candidate to enable demonstration of knowledge Ref LO1.6, LO2.1, LO2.2, LO2.3, LO2.4 for Guinea pig. Sheep as an example of a flock or herd animal, depending on time of year i.e. field or housed; Ensure sheep can clearly see the correct way to go by restraining in the correct manner using hurdles or physically holding them. Introduce into social groups if possible to enable them to flock and settle. Best introduced into social groups in pens, to reduce fighting and bolting in the wrong direction, unless sheep can easily see its

peers (strange rams only put together after tupping)

Learning Outcome 7. Know relevant health and safety legislation

7.1 Outline the current health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare and codes of practice and any additional requirement Ref LO 3.1

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 1, 2 and 3

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 4, 5 and 6

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

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METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

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EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment
- Tool / equipment inventory lists / maintenance schedules
- Pictorial identifications
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
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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</p>

	abnormal behaviour in animals before, during and after maintaining accommodation and what actions should be taken
5. Know how to maintain materials and fittings	5.1 State how to maintain materials and fittings to ensure the health and welfare of animals using accommodation
6. Know relevant health and safety and animal welfare legislation and environmental good practice	<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>
Mapping to National Occupational Standards	

Supporting Unit Information

Y/502/1522 Maintain animal accommodation - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

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LO1 and LO2 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to maintain animal accommodation

1.1 Assess the condition of the animal and accommodation before

maintaining covering Check design is **suitable** (size, fittings and materials) penning well sited, for inside/outside pens and hutches. They must be well lit, safe and warm, not too noisy, well ventilated and clean (guinea pigs are susceptible to ammonia fumes resulting in pneumonia) with suitable nesting box available to hide and sleep, for warmth and companionship.

Accommodation is correct for circumstance/requirement - Long stay i.e. permanent housing. Short stay i.e. temporary accommodation for use when cleaning out permanent accommodation or transport to new accommodation or to vets for example, hospitalization e.g. at vets, isolation/quarantine to prevent fighting, breeding or transmission of diseases accommodation for breeding, will be larger with a bigger than normal very well bedded nesting area, or for display purposes so they can be seen more easily by visitors. Check condition of guinea pig. Poor condition e.g. cleanliness, health and well being can indicate inappropriate accommodation. Guinea pigs have necessary area for **freedom** of movement i.e. Size dependant on numbers mature size and duration of stay. Minimise **stress** to guinea pig while assessing conditions. Assess from correct distance preferably without entering animals flight zone.

1.2 Wear the appropriate protective clothing during cleaning and maintaining E.g. overalls, gloves, boots

1.3 Carry out cleaning routines according to the animal accommodation and specification specification as detailed by person in charge e.g. your line manager who could be section manager, farmer, small holder, pet owner, keeper, teacher, team leader) All wet and dirty material removed, flooring (preferably water resistant) cleaned and disinfected as required. Clean and

dry bedding (e.g. soft hay) placed in house.

Check safety and security of accommodation – Accommodation must be vermin, predator, wind and waterproof. Healthy and animal welfare environment - A warm, draft free, enclosed living /sleeping area is essential, within the main larger run as guinea pigs like to nestle up together in confined but not too small area. Areas for exercise and play designed to prevent boredom, box and hutch chewing etc. Food should be well balanced varied, and they need a good supply of water.

1.4 Replace any necessary materials and fittings correctly when cleaning is complete Clean buckets and utensils used in the feeding process and replace correctly in readiness for the next feed time, also mend or report any damage to facilities and the equipment used to person in charge , ref LO1.3. All other fixtures and fittings replaced with appropriate bedding, from storage room as instructed.

1.5 Monitor and maintain environmental conditions to promote the health and welfare of animals

- **Ventilation** - Accommodation needs to be well ventilated but not draughty and cold. Ref LO1.1
- **Light** - Guinea pigs do not like well lit sleeping areas but they like their feeding and exercise areas well lit.
- **Structure**– Need to be safe and suitable for the guinea pigs; e.g. no sharp edges correct ramp angles if needed, correct sized entrances and exits.
- **Temperature** – Guinea pigs can withstand wide variation in temperatures if they have adequate food and bedding. However shade may be needed in hot weather and lagging or hutch hugger required in cold
- **Noise** – Most animals can get used to a variety of background noises but sudden bangs and loud noises cause stress and fright

1.6 Maintain the safety and security of the animals during cleaning operations Candidates must know their responsibility for keeping the guinea pigs safe and reducing the risks by keeping the guinea pigs in secure temporary accommodation.

1.7 Report any difficulties to the relevant person if necessary Ref LO1.3 such as breaks, excess dirt or wetness, stressed aggressive guinea pigs.

1.8 Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes Report procedures in the correct format for e.g. animal medicine book, animal record book, herd record, medicine record, waste disposal records, diary, to person in charge ref LO1.3 in writing or electronically.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

2.1 Work to maintain health and safety and animal welfare within the law and other requirements Work to maintain health and safety consistent with legislation and codes of practice and any other requirements: Know who to report to if unsure about own roles and queries as regards H & S and animal health and welfare. Ref LO1.3. Know current legislation. E.g. Animal Health Acts, Health and Safety Acts, PUWER, Know the risks relating to the animals that will be cared for, Know to take more care when caring for certain highlighted individuals or groups. e.g. one guinea pig may be more frightened and liable to bite, Use of risk assessments can be a good teaching and learning tool. Candidates should be aware of the five freedoms: (Freedom from - discomfort, hunger and thirst, pain injury and disease, fear and distress, and free to show normal behaviour. To enable the livestock under

your care to be content, thrive and grow well.

2.2 Work in a way that minimises environmental damage With due regard to Environmental Protection Acts, Codes of Practices as applicable e.g. Air and water. The importance of environmental issues when disposing of all categories of livestock waste products. is paramount, which as well as organic waste may include inorganic waste comprising of paper, glass, metal and plastic, which must be recycled or disposed of in the municipal bins as instructed by the person in charge. Ref LO1.3

2.3 Disposal of waste All animal waste including feed should be removed and disposed of correctly as instructed by person in charge ref LO1.3. The importance of not feeding contaminated feed and water should be highlighted and its immediate removal and disposal ref LO2.2.

LO3, LO4, LO5 and LO6 are the key areas of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 3. Know why it is important to maintain animal accommodation

3.1 Describe why it is important to maintain animal accommodation and the implications of failing to do so To provide correctly designed fit for purpose accommodation to promote health, welfare and minimise stress. Ref LO1.1

3.2 Describe the relationship between maintaining animal accommodation and promoting animal health and welfare Ref LO1.1 and LO3.1

3.3 State how other factors would influence the maintenance of accommodation for animals (health, age and behaviour) With results from LO2.2 review accommodation. E.g. Lower ramp angles change height of feeders, change volume of hay in sleeping area, alter ventilation, lighting, temperature to suit the time of year so guinea pigs are content.

3.4 Describe signs within an animals accommodation that give an indication of its health and welfare For example animal interaction, feeding, playing and nesting habits. Ref LO1.1

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to maintain animal accommodation

4.1 Describe the environmental conditions which promote the health and welfare of animals Correct positioning and site of housing needed for all animals away from drafts, fumes, noise, and widely varying temperature and wind variations. Also Ref LO1.5

4.2 Identify the reasons for monitoring environmental conditions and reporting variations

- **suitability to animal** - Correct size, temperature and fit for purpose.
- **freedom of movement** - Guinea pigs really like big runs with plenty of grass
- **minimise stress** – Guinea pigs do not like loud noises and are easily frightened.
- **intended purpose length of stay** - Depending on need of animal/keeper
- **enrichment** – Guinea pigs like a variety of areas to explore also a varied diet that would include different suitable vegetables as well as proprietary feeds and water

4.3 Outline cleaning routines appropriate to

- **the animal species concerned**, in this case a guinea pig
- **the accommodation in which they are being kept** Ref LO1.1.

- **why they are housed** e.g. Permanent housing or transport Ref LO1.1. Outline frequency e.g. (weekly) and depth of removal of soiled litter, cleaning, disinfection etc, ref LO1.3 and LO1.4.

4.4 Describe cleaning methods and materials appropriate to

- **the animal species concerned** Ref LO 4.3
- **the accommodation in which they are kept** Ref LO1.1
- **why they are housed** Ref LO1

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 Ref LO1.3 Detail cleaning routine logically from the start, stating need for temporary safe housing, depending on depth of cleaning operation required. Ref LO4.3

Learning Outcome 5. Know how to maintain materials and fittings

5.1 State how to maintain materials and fittings to ensure the health and welfare of animals using accommodation Animals need to live within the five freedoms. Accommodation needs identified and monitored to ensure no illness or injuries can occur due to faults in the equipment. To enable the guinea pigs for example to be content. All aspects listed in need identified and checked. Ref LO1.4, LO1.5, LO3.1

Learning Outcome 6. Know relevant health and safety and animal welfare legislation and environmental good practice

6.1 Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements Ref LO 2.1

6.2 Describe how environmental damage can be minimised Ref LO2.2 LO2.3

6.3 Describe the correct methods for disposing of organic and inorganic waste Ref LO2.2

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 3, 4, 5 and 6

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Control and Restrain Animals

Unit Reference	Y/502/1536
Level	2
Credit Value	2
Guided Learning Hours	15
Unit Summary	<p>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</p> <p>This unit requires independent assessment (see Methods of Assessment below)</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 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>

<p>3. Be able to work safely</p>	<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> <p>3.2 Wear the appropriate protective clothing</p>
<p>4. Know how to restrain animals</p>	<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>
<p>5. Know relevant health and safety legislation</p>	<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>
<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 maintaining the range of equipment</p>

Supporting Unit Information

Y/502/1536 Control and restrain animals - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

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Note 1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number listed e.g. 1.3

Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive.

Note 3: The main example used here is the dog however any appropriate animal can be used

LO1, LO2 and LO3 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to restrain animals

1.1 Select and use a suitable method of restraint which minimises distress and injury to the animal taking into account the following factors i.e. for assessment, exercise, bathing, grooming, particular health reasons e.g. examination of teeth or ears, clipping, pregnancy diagnosis, blood sampling

- **The behaviour and temperament of the dog** correctly identified e.g. is it liable to run away, urinate, lick or bite ref LO4.1
- **The health and well being of the dog** correctly identified, e.g. sick, young, elderly, pregnant, so no further damage is inflicted on the affected part of the dog and/or the pain inflicted does not cause the dog to object by biting or bolting.

1.2 Approach the animal in a manner which is likely to minimise stress

The dog must be approached and handled appropriately for its current temperament and feelings; candidate calmly and quietly reading the body language of the dog, and altering the method of approach and restraint to suit the dog in question, with due regard to health and safety of self and others ref LO4.1.

1.3 Maintain the restraint of the animal securely and safely in a manner which minimises stress Restraint method used is maintained correctly for the required procedure minimising stress, keeping the dog calm and secure for the period required for the activity identified in LO 1.1.

1.4 Modify methods of restraint in response to the reactions of the animal as necessary Changes in position or restraint method being used are correctly implemented for the dogs well being and to facilitate procedure identified in LO1.1 e.g. holding a dogs muzzle to prevent it biting when being closely examined.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment

2.1 Select appropriate equipment for this area of work the procedure must be carried out in an appropriate enclosed area e.g. correct size, good lighting, secure, well ventilated. Use of specific premises such as veterinary clinic, kennels or other specialist on site animal facilities preferably. If the dog has run away it firstly needs to be quietly guided or enticed into a suitable area, before restraining attempted.

Equipment must be chosen correctly for size and type of dog, reason of restraint chosen above e.g. dog lead, harness, muzzle, halti, pole catcher, dog bath, candidates would not be expected to use all types of equipment, Ref LO6.PPE selected and safely used e.g. gloves, overalls footwear.

2.2 Use equipment according to relevant legislation and manufacturer's instructions the equipment chosen is placed on the dog correctly as per manufacturer's / supplier's / supervisor's instructions.

2.3 Prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition before using the equipment such as the dog lead, it is chosen correctly, e.g. size strength material, cleanliness. After use it is cleaned, any repairs or maintenance required is either completed if possible, or reported to the appropriate person. The equipment is then put away in the correct place, ready for reuse.

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to work safely

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 refer to LO5.

The dog's body language is correctly read so the restraint procedure chosen is appropriate to the dog safety, to the safety of everybody involved and to ensure there is no damage to the facilities and equipment used Ref LO4.1.

3.2 Wear the appropriate protective clothing e.g. overalls, correct footwear, gloves.

LO 4, LO5 and LO6 are the key areas of knowledge for this unit.

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to restrain animals refer to LO1

4.1 State the risks to self, others and animal in restraining animals Refer LO1. Prior to practical restraint activities it is important that candidates know the risks involved to self, others animals, facilities and equipment. E.g. escaping dogs can cause vehicle accidents, animal fights, and other animals to escape or injure themselves. Dogs may bite, scratch urinate or defecate when frightened. Completion of risk assessments prior to activity should be encouraged.

4.2 List and describe the different methods for restraining animals refer LO2. Prior to practical restraint different equipment and methods that could be used to restrain dogs identified. This should take place in appropriate facilities e.g. veterinary clinic, kennels or other specialist on site animal facilities

Equipment and how the equipment is used identified e.g. collars and leads, muzzles, harnesses, haltis, pole catchers.

4.3 Describe the possible indicators of stress and alarm in the animals when being restrained and the ways this can be minimised Refer LO1.2

Recognition of stress in dogs e.g. shaking, whining, growling, snarling, bolting, thrashing, urinating, staring/vacant.

- 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** Refer LO1.3 by adapting your approach, talking quietly/sternly as appropriate. Stroking if applicable:- Knowing the blind spots and level of a dogs area of vision, and approach accordingly e.g. crouching to minimise perception of threat, only if assesses safe to do so. Ensuring the dog is correctly restrained so it knows it cannot escape.
- 4.5 Describe the limits of responsibility in restraining animals and how to gain assistance and to whom these should be reported** What you can do on your own e.g. Attach collar and lead to certain identified dogs.
- 4.6 Describe when it may be necessary to modify the methods of restraint for the animal:** As either the job identified changes Ref LO1.4, or the dog being restrained, changes its attitude by e.g. becoming more aggressive (need for muzzle)
- 4.7 Describe animal behaviour that will indicate the animals state of temperament** Ref LO1.4 Dogs exhibit a wide variety of behavioural characteristics e.g. tail down, tail wagging, tail erect, ears flattened and forward, positive posture, submissive posture. Handlers need to be able to read the dogs' body language correctly. E.g. is the dog happy, sad, frightened, or just being nasty and is potentially dangerous

Learning Outcome 5. Know relevant health and safety legislation

- 5.1 Outline the current health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare, codes of practice and any additional requirements** Ref LO3. and the animals under their care, but do not need to know the intricacies of the laws e.g. Legislation that relates to employment Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) and updates, COSHH (1991) and updates, Working Time Regulations (2009,) Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (1998) PUWER.
Legislation that relates to animals, Animal Health Act (1981) and associated acts, e.g. Animal Welfare Act 2006, Control of Dogs Order (1992), Dangerous Dogs Act 1991), Transport of Animals order (2006), Environment Protection Acts.
- 5.2 Describe the Personal Protective Equipment that should be used when controlling and restraining animals** Ref LO3 e.g. overalls for all cleaning, handling jobs, protective gloves for handling dogs liable to bite, boots to protect feet and prevent slipping.

Learning Outcome 6. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them

- 6.1 The facilities required for the tasks identified** Ref LO2, veterinary clinic, kennels or other specialist on site animal facility. Equipment must be chosen correctly for reason of restraint chosen above e.g. dog lead, harness, muzzle, halti, pole catcher, dog bath Ref LO6.
- 6.2 Equipment maintenance** cleaning, lubrication repairs if necessary, cleaned, any repairs or maintenance required is either completed if possible, or reported to the appropriate person. The equipment is then put away in the correct place, ready for reuse.

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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

Learning Outcomes (LO) 1, 2, and 3

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by supervised practical animal handling work, giving learners the opportunity, first to practice various dog handling tasks and then to be observed correctly restraining dogs of their choice to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria. Although not essential it is good practice for learners to handle a variety of different breeds of dog to gain a better understanding of behavioural differences between breeds as well as between different ages and sexes of dog. Learners should show they can restrain dogs they know well and dogs who they do not know.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 4, 5, 6,

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation and answering oral or written questions, cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

It is important that practical assessment activities are supervised appropriately.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

If a learner is completing this qualification as part of their Apprenticeship, they MUST include independent assessment as specified by ABC Awards. The Independent Knowledge Questions that must be used can be found on the ABC Awards website.

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria.

All learners must complete a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Centres will need to devise assessment tasks which should be practical where possible e.g. Learning Outcomes 1, 2, and 3 link together and can only be assessed practically by observation. These are directly linked to the key areas of knowledge for this unit. Learning Outcomes 4, 5, and 6, the contents of which should be taught prior to restraint procedures are undertaken for safety and animal welfare reasons.

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Evidence presented to support achievement is not prescribed for each learning outcome. It **could** typically include

- Observation reports
- Oral/written questions and answers
- Reports/notes
- Worksheets/job sheets/planting plans/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment
- Tool / equipment inventory and safety checklists / maintenance schedules
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

This is not an exhaustive list and learners should be encouraged to develop the most appropriate evidence to demonstrate their achievement of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

It is imperative that dogs are handled in appropriate handling facilities which will be found in most animal academies and kennels. Dogs can be very dangerous, even the quietest dog will bite if handled inappropriately so it is essential that all procedures are closely supervised

It is important that the candidates are physically able to carry out any manual handling procedures and have had appropriate training before attempting to handle the bigger breeds of dog.

Useful sources of reference

- The Health and Safety Executive website <http://www.hse.gov.uk/> has useful information about identifying what health and safety legislation applies to areas of work and lists of Acts, Statutory instruments and legal publications
- The Office of Public Information website <http://www.opsi.gov.uk> has year by year lists of UK Acts and Statutory Instruments
- The website <http://www.defra.gov.uk/> provides helpful guidance about animal welfare regulations and codes of practice
- The Dogs Trust website <http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/> provides factsheets covering laws and other facts relating to dogs

See ABC website for further information

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	1.1 Select the animal to be moved, and approach it in a manner which is likely to minimise stress 1.2 Prepare the route for the movement of animals 1.3 Check that the new location is safe, secure and suitable for the animal's requirements 1.4 Move the animal to its new location in an appropriate way and pace whilst maintaining the well being of the animal or other animals in the vicinity 1.5 Establish the animal in the new location consistent with instructions 1.6 Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes
2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	2.1 Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements 2.2 Wear appropriate protective clothing

<p>3. Know how to move animals between locations</p>	<p>3.1 Describe the reasons for moving animals</p> <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>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

K/502/1539 Moving animals between locations - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

Note 1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number listed e.g.1.3

Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive

Note 3: For the purpose of this indicative content a canine will be discussed, however this should be adapted to apply to a range of species

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to move animals between locations

1.1 Select the animal to be moved, and approach it in a manner which is likely to minimise stress

select correct animal following instruction. Approach quietly and calmly. Approach animal at its level and at a safe distance. Approach in a secure escape proof area

1.2 Prepare the route for the movement of animals

ensure the area is secure and escape proof. Remove hazards such as trip hazards, wet floors which may cause slipping, any factors which may cause harm to animal or handler

1.3 Check that the new location is safe, secure and suitable for the animal's requirements

secure and escape proof. Free from hazards such as broken structure, dirty and contaminated. Ensure suitable to meet animals requirements i.e. suitable size, ventilation, lighting and humidity and environmental enrichments

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

handle the animal appropriately see LO1.1. Ensure the animal being moved and other animals in vicinity are under control. Allow animal a pace to enable it to adapt and to move without stress or injury

1.5 Establish the animal in the new location consistent with instructions

follow instructions accurately. Settle animal into the enclosure monitoring it for signs of stress such as panting, excessive vocalisation, pacing, excessive salivation and self-mutilation

1.6 Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes

verbal, written and electronic. Record animal details, where it's moved from and to. Response and reactions to the move

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

2.1 Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements follow legislation such as Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health 2002. Ensure safety of self and others.

2.2 Wear appropriate protective clothing gloves, aprons, steel toe capped boots, rubber boots

Learning Outcome 3. Know how to move animals between locations

3.1 Describe the reasons for moving animals to allow maintenance of accommodation, to allow for cleaning and disinfection of accommodation, to improve suitability of location, to improve mental stimulation.

3.2 Describe how to identify the animals to be moved follow written, verbal and electronic instruction. Check animal identification against records. Check with supervisor.

3.3 Describe how the animal's health status and behaviour may affect the movement process poor health may result in movement being delayed to allow improvement and recovery. Injury or poor health may affect the pace at which the animal is moved. Aggressive or nervous behaviour will affect pace of movement and may require more people to ensure adequate control and restraint.

3.4 Describe the importance of approaching animals in a manner which minimises stress See LO1.1 To ensure the animal adapts to the movement smoothly, prevent injury and harm to both handler and animal.

3.5 Describe the risks inherent in moving animals and how they can be minimised injury to handler can be minimised by approaching animal calmly, using adequate control and restraint, injury and stress to animal can be minimised as above also allowing animal to move at its own pace, escape of animal can be minimised by using adequate control and moving in a secure, escape proof area.

3.6 Describe how to assess the safety, security and suitability of the new location check for cleanliness of the environment, check for hazards such as broken catches, sharp edges. Ensure location can be secured and made escape proof. See LO1.3

3.7 Describe how to select appropriate methods for moving animals based on the following

- **their health** ensure method suits health status in preventing further injury or deterioration and prevention of stress. Allow animal to move at its own pace.
- **environmental conditions** ensure method allows safety of movement, allows the animal to adapt to the environment. Adapt to suit weather conditions and surface conditions

3.8 Describe how to establish animals once they have been moved see LO1.5

3.9 Describe how to identify problems and to whom they should be reported monitor animal for signs of distress. See LO1.5. Report to supervisor immediately. Make accurate and prompt written, electronic and verbal records of problems.

Learning Outcome 4 Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

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 follow current legislation to include Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrence Regulations 1995, Environmental Protection Act 1990, Animal Health Act 1981, Protection of Animals Act 1988

Learning Outcome 5. Know how to maintain accurate records

5.1 Identify the types of records required and state the importance of accurate record keeping written, electronic, verbal. To ensure continuity of care and accurate monitoring of animal. To allow accurate, clear communication between staff and owners.

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES.

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 1 and 2

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 3, 4 and 5

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments – possibly using internet research, cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

It is important that practical assessment activities are supervised appropriately.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria.

The assessment of some knowledge and understanding may take place in a non work based environment e.g. training centre, however it must link directly to workplace performance and include performance evidence.

All learners must complete a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

ABC expects that staff will be appropriately qualified to assess learners against the outcomes and criteria within the units. Generally teaching staff should be qualified and/or vocationally experienced to at least a level above that which they are teaching.

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Evidence presented to support achievement is not prescribed for each learning outcome. It **could** typically include

- Product evidence
- Observation reports
- Oral/written questions and answers
- Reports/notes
- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment
- Tool / equipment inventory lists / maintenance schedules
- Pictorial identifications
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

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All evidence must be clearly signposted and made available for the external moderator upon request.

All internal assessments must be accompanied by a signed Declaration of Authenticity (this document is available on the ABC web site).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See ABC website for further information

Make Sure Your Own Actions Reduce Risks to Health and Safety

Unit Reference	R/501/0874
Level	2
Credit Value	5
Guided Learning Hours	38
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> <p>This unit requires independent assessment (see Methods of Assessment below)</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</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>

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

Supporting Unit Information

R/501/0874 Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety – Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

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Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive

LO1 and LO2 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Identify the hazards and evaluate the risks in your workplace

- 1.1 Identify which workplace instructions are relevant to their job** follow workplace instructions, consider hazards relevant to work and recognise relevant instruction
- 1.2 Identify those working practices in their job which could harm them or others** consider all possible activities, consider hazards linked to activities and consider who is at risk
- 1.3 Identify those aspects of their workplace which could harm them or others** consider risk assessment of areas, consider floor surfaces, lighting, contents and equipment in area, activities taking place in area, suitability of area to work
- 1.4 Check which of the potentially harmful working practices and aspects of their workplace present the highest risks to them and others** consider all hazards and hazards of work area, apply likelihood and severity factors to the hazards
- 1.5 Deal with hazards in accordance with workplace instructions and legal requirements** consider control measures, follow workplace health and safety instructions, link to Health and Safety at Work Act and RIDDOR
- 1.6 Correctly name and locate the people responsible for health and safety in their workplace** recognise who health and safety officer is and how to contact them
- 1.7 Report to the people responsible for health and safety in their workplace those hazards which present the highest risk** highlight all possible hazards, consider risk factor involved, severity and likelihood, describe correct reporting procedures

Learning Outcome 2. Reduce the risks to health and safety in your workplace

- 2.1 Carry out your work in accordance with their level of competence, workplace instructions, suppliers or manufacturers' instructions and legal requirements** recognise own competencies, follow instructions clearly and complete health and safety requirements, follow manufacturers guidelines for use of equipment and safety procedures, link to Health & Safety at Work Act and RIDDOR
- 2.2 Control those health and safety risks within their capability and job responsibilities ensure own actions reduce risks to themselves and others, follow health and safety procedures,** report any identified risks/hazards
- 2.3 Pass on suggestions for reducing risks to health and safety to the responsible people** report health and safety risks/hazards to responsible person/safety officer, suggest control measures
- 2.4 Make sure their behaviour does not endanger the health and safety of them or others in their workplace** act responsibly, consider safety of themselves and others, ensure health and safety procedures are followed accurately
- 2.5 Follow the workplace instructions and suppliers' or manufacturers' instructions for the safe use of equipment, materials and products** ensure guidelines are followed for use, maintenance and storage to ensure they remain in safe working condition
- 2.6 Report any differences between workplace instructions and suppliers' or manufacturers' instructions** compare workplace instructions with supplier/manufacturers, highlight differences, report to appropriate person/safety officer
- 2.7 Make sure that their personal presentation and behaviour at work**
 - protects the health and safety of them and others
 - meets any legal responsibilities, and
 - is in accordance with workplace instructions
- 2.8 Consider own actions, safety equipment, protective clothing, suitability of clothing.** Link to individual work place and relevant legislation
- 2.9 Make sure they follow environmentally-friendly working practices** following workplace guidelines, consider waste disposal, use of chemicals and radiation, noise pollution

LO3 is the key areas of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 3. Know and understand how to make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety

- 3.1 Demonstrate they know and understand what "hazards" and "risks" are** define the terms "hazard" – potential to cause harm, "risk" – likelihood to cause harm
- 3.2 Demonstrate they know and understand their responsibilities and legal duties for health and safety in the workplace** take responsibility for own health and safety, co-operate with employer and comply with health and safety procedures, do not interfere with health and safety provisions, link to Health & Safety at Work Act
- 3.3 Demonstrate they know and understand their responsibilities for health and safety as required by the law covering their job role** take responsibility for own health and safety, co-operate with employer and comply with health and safety procedures, do not interfere with health and safety provisions, link to Health & Safety at Work Act

- 3.4 Demonstrate they know and understand the hazards which exist in their workplace and the safe working practices which they must follow** list all possible hazards, consider all activities involved in work, describe control measures to prevent/minimise hazards
- 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** consider activities, hazards and control measures. Discuss risk assessments
- 3.6 Demonstrate they know and understand the importance of remaining alert to the presence of hazards in the whole workplace** to ensure safety provisions are followed, minimise risks, identify hazards not yet noted
- 3.7 Demonstrate they know and understand the importance of dealing with, or promptly reporting, risks** reasons for reporting, to allow application of control measures, minimise the risk, follow legislation
- 3.8 Demonstrate they know and understand the responsibilities for health and safety in their job description** list health and safety relevant to individual work
- 3.9 Demonstrate they know and understand the safe working practices for their own job** consider safe working practices, why do they apply, what are they achieving, possible outcomes if not followed
- 3.10 Demonstrate they know and understand the responsible people they should report health and safety matters to** supervisors, health and safety officers, first aiders, health and safety executive
- 3.11 Demonstrate they know and understand where and when to get additional health and safety assistance** supervisors, health and safety officers, first aiders, health and safety executive
- 3.12 Demonstrate they know and understand their scope and responsibility for controlling risks** recognise own limitations within workplace, when to seek further assistance/advice
- 3.13 Demonstrate they know and understand workplace instructions for managing risks which they are unable to deal with** protocols for individual workplaces, highlighting risks to others, reporting procedures
- 3.14 Demonstrate they know and understand suppliers' and manufacturers' instructions for the safe use of equipment, materials and products which they must follow** accurately interpret and follow manufacturers guidelines highlighting safety aspects
- 3.15 Demonstrate they know and understand the importance of personal presentation in maintaining health and safety in their workplace –** protective clothing, personal hygiene, protective equipment appropriate to tasks
- 3.16 Demonstrate they know and understand the importance of personal behaviour in maintaining the health and safety of them and others** responsible behaviour, correct conduct, comply with health and safety provisions, ensures risks are minimised to self 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 –** chemicals, radiation, waste disposal, noise pollution

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Centres should adopt a delivery approach which supports the development of

their particular learners. The aims and aspirations of all learners, including those with identified special needs, including learning difficulties/disabilities, should be considered and appropriate support mechanisms put in place.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 1 and 2

Delivery of these learning outcomes could be by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcome (LO) 3

Delivery of this learning outcome is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

It is important that practical assessment activities are supervised appropriately.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

If a learner is completing this qualification as part of their Apprenticeship, they MUST include independent assessment as specified by ABC Awards. The Independent Knowledge Questions that must be used can be found on the ABC Awards website.

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria.

All learners must complete a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Centres will need to devise assessment tasks which should be practical where possible.

Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

ABC expects that staff will be appropriately qualified to assess learners against the outcomes and criteria within the units. Generally teaching staff should be qualified and/or vocationally experienced to at least a level above that which they are teaching.

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Evidence presented to support achievement is not prescribed for each learning outcome. It **could** typically include

- Product evidence
- Observation reports
- Field survey reports and summaries
- Oral/written questions and answers
- Reports/notes
- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment
- Pictorial identifications
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

This is not an exhaustive list and learners should be encouraged to develop the most appropriate evidence to demonstrate their achievement of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

- www.hse.gov.uk
- www.healthandsafety.co.uk

See ABC website for further information

Prepare and Groom Dogs Prior To Bathing

Unit Reference	A/502/1691
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 prepare and bathe dogs. During these processes, the learner will look for and recognise signs of infestation and take the appropriate action. This may mean using an appropriate shampoo or treatment if this has already been agreed with the client or taking steps to obtain authorisation to do so
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 assess the dog prior to bathing	<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 dog</p> <p>1.2 Handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout</p> <p>1.3 Report promptly to the appropriate person when examination of the coat reveals an abnormal condition</p>
2. Be able to remove excess hair, knots and tangles prior to bathing	<p>2.1 Select and use techniques and equipment appropriate to the dog's coat type and condition and for the style that is to be achieved, to include the following coat types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wool • wire • silk • double • smooth <p>2.2 Select and use three of the following techniques and equipment in a manner that minimises discomfort</p>

	<p>and stress for the dog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comb and brush • scissors or thinning scissors • clippers • by hand or stripping tools • de-matting tools <p>2.3 Trim excess hair to avoid the occurrence of friction burns and knots to maximise the dog's comfort and hygiene</p> <p>2.4 Keep accurate records on the techniques and equipment used, and the dog's condition</p> <p>2.5 Communicate with clients and colleagues on the animal's care requirements</p>
3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	<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>
4. Know how to remove excess hair, knots and tangles prior to bathing	<p>4.1 Describe how the coat type and style to be achieved affect the methods of preparing coats and equipment that should be used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wool • wire • silk • double • smooth <p>4.2 Describe all the equipment used for removing knots, tangles and dead hair, and explain the correct selection and techniques for their use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comb and brush • scissors or thinning scissors • clippers • by hand or stripping tools • de-matting tools <p>4.3 Describe the techniques used to groom out a coat, removing knots, tangles and dead hair without injuring or causing distress to the dog</p>

	<p>4.4 State why clipping off and rough trimming are sometimes necessary and why the age of the dog may influence the decision</p> <p>4.5 Describe how to judge the correct amount of hair to be clipped/scissored off and why it is important not to remove too much</p> <p>4.6 Explain why particular care is required when removing excess hair from around eyes and ears</p> <p>4.7 List the steps that should be taken in the event of accidentally cutting the dog or self</p> <p>4.8 Describe how friction burns occur during grooming and how they can be avoided</p> <p>4.9 Outline the importance of removing excess hair for the dog's hygiene</p> <p>4.10 Explain why it is important to keep accurate records of the techniques and equipment used</p> <p>4.11 Explain the importance of communication with colleagues and clients</p>
5. Know how to assess the dog prior to bathing	<p>5.1 State why it is important to approach and handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all</p> <p>5.2 Describe the normal signs of health and the signs that indicate that the dog should be referred to a veterinary surgeon</p> <p>5.3 Describe the signs of abnormal conditions such as parasites and lesions</p>
6. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice	<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>
Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NAC8.1	

Supporting Unit Information

A/502/1691 Prepare and groom dogs prior to bathing – Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

Note 1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number listed e.g. LO1.3

Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to assess the dog prior to bathing

- 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 dog** appropriate equipment gathered, free from debris, disinfected, check equipment and area for hazards, ensure equipment is functional.
- 1.2 Handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout** approach calmly, handle gently, reassure dog, restrain securely using an appropriate technique, minimise stress use restraint aid where necessary e.g. muzzle.
- 1.3 Report promptly to the appropriate person when examination of the coat reveals an abnormal condition** report to supervisor, report to owner, report verbally and also keep written records.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to remove excess hair, knots and tangles prior to bathing

- 2.1 Select and use techniques and equipment appropriate to the dog's coat type and condition and for the style that is to be achieved, to include the following coat types wool, wire, silk, double, smooth** select appropriate equipment to breed/coat type, select equipment for style appropriate to breed, understand requirements dependant on coat type.
- 2.2 Select and use three of the following techniques and equipment in a manner that minimises discomfort and stress for the dog comb and brush, scissors or thinning scissors, clippers, by hand or stripping tools, de-matting tools** use appropriate tool for purpose, handle dog appropriately to reduce injury and stress, understand correct use of equipment and select accordingly.
- 2.3 Trim excess hair to avoid the occurrence of friction burns and knots to maximise the dog's comfort and hygiene** de-matting comb, clippers, grooming scissors, trim areas such as feet and ears.
- 2.4 Keep accurate records on the techniques and equipment used, and the dog's condition** what equipment used, what style, condition of animal e.g. matted, lumps, sore skin.
- 2.5 Communicate with clients and colleagues on the animal's care**

requirements verbal, written and electronic communication. Communicate on procedure performed and grooming requirements.

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

- 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** Health & Safety at Work Act, Animal Welfare Act, COSHH, maintain safety of staff and animals.
- 3.2 Carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage** COSHH, dispose of waste and chemicals in the correct manner.
- 3.3 Dispose of waste safely and correctly** dispose of waste materials following correct procedures, clinical waste, domestic waste, industrial waste.

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to remove excess hair, knots and tangles prior to bathing

- 4.1 Describe how the coat type and style to be achieved affect the methods of preparing coats and equipment that should be used** wool, wire, silk, double, smooth select appropriate method/equipment for coat type and style, loosen dead hair, comb, brush, finishing
- 4.2 Describe all the equipment used for removing knots, tangles and dead hair, and explain the correct selection and techniques for their use**
- comb and brush
 - scissors or thinning scissors
 - clippers
 - by hand or stripping tools
 - de-matting tools
- select appropriate equipment for coat type and style, describe correct and safe use
- 4.3 Describe the techniques used to groom out a coat, removing knots, tangles and dead hair without injuring or causing distress to the dog** handle calmly and securely, use appropriate equipment and use in the correct manner, clip, trim with scissors, dematting combs, loosen dead hair, comb, brush, finish and style
- 4.4 State why clipping off and rough trimming are sometimes necessary and why the age of the dog may influence the decision** removal of matts, remove dead hair, maintaining cleanliness, removal of dirt, hygiene, geriatric animals may groom less and therefore require assistance in maintaining cleanliness.
- 4.5 Describe how to judge the correct amount of hair to be clipped/scissored off and why it is important not to remove too much** judge on condition, coat type, style
- 4.6 Explain why particular care is required when removing excess hair from around eyes and ears** – delicate areas, sensitive areas.
- 4.7 List the steps that should be taken in the event of accidentally cutting the dog or self** restrain the dog securely, arrest bleeding, clean area, dress wound if necessary, seek veterinary advice, if cut is to self, cleanse wound, administer first aid.
- 4.8 Describe how friction burns occur during grooming and how they can be avoided** skin conditions, blunt blades, clipping too close, too much pressure applied to equipment, skin drag, hair pulling, use equipment correctly, ensure equipment is safe for use, ensure pre-existing skin

conditions are treated prior to grooming.

- 4.9 Outline the importance of removing excess hair for the dog's hygiene** prevent matting, maintains cleanliness, removes dirt, hygienic prevents bacterial and yeast infections
- 4.10 Explain why it is important to keep accurate records of the techniques and equipment used** to record animal condition, procedure and style completed, follow up grooms, client complaints.
- 4.11 Explain the importance of communication with colleagues and clients** to ensure continuity amongst colleagues, advise clients of procedures performed and aftercare required.

Learning Outcome 5. Know how to assess the dog prior to bathing

- 5.1 State why it is important to approach and handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all** prevent stress, prevent injury to dog and self, enable procedure to be performed.
- 5.2 Describe the normal signs of health and the signs that indicate that the dog should be referred to a veterinary surgeon** check head to tail, include eyes, ears, mouth, skin and coat, legs, paws, nails, anus, genital area, check for discharges, lumps, signs of parasites, wounds. Refer abnormalities to a vet.
- 5.3 Describe the signs of abnormal conditions such as parasites and lesions** discharge, bleeding, reddened skin, flea droppings, visible parasites, dandruff and excess scale, itching and irritation.

Learning Outcome 6. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

- 6.1 Outline the current health and safety, animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements** Animal Welfare Act, Health & Safety at Work Act, COSHH.
- 6.2 Describe how environmental damage can be minimised** dispose of waste correctly, safe disposal of chemicals, follow current legislation.
- 6.3 Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste** describe categories of waste and their disposal to include clinical, domestic and industrial.

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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

Learning Outcomes (LO) 1, 2 and 3

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 4, 5 and 6

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria.

All learners must complete a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria

It is important that practical assessment activities are supervised appropriately.

Simulation will not be acceptable where the unit is included in qualifications which verify competent performance. Please refer to Lantra's Assessment Strategy for further guidance.

Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

ABC expects that staff will be appropriately qualified to assess learners against the outcomes and criteria within the units. Generally teaching staff should be qualified and/or vocationally experienced to at least a level above that which they are teaching.

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Evidence presented to support achievement is not prescribed for each learning outcome. It **could** typically include

- Product evidence
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- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Pictorial identifications
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

This is not an exhaustive list and learners should be encouraged to develop the most appropriate evidence to demonstrate their achievement of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

All evidence must be clearly signposted and made available for the external moderator upon request.

All internal assessments must be accompanied by a signed Declaration of Authenticity (this document is available on the ABC web site).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

- Dog Grooming (Everything You Need to Know About...) Sandy Blackburn
- All-breed Dog Grooming Denise Dobish, Gay M Ernst, Susan Gutman, Sandy King
- Veterinary Nursing D.R. Lane & B.Cooper

See ABC website for further information

Bathe and Clean Dogs

Unit Reference	D/502/1697
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 for bathing and cleansing a dogs coat and skin by selecting the correct products for the coat type and the correct product usage. The unit covers safe handling techniques, preparation of the environment, basic dog anatomy and physiology
Learning Outcomes (1 to 6) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 6.6) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Bathe and clean dog's coat and skin	<p>1.1 Identify any factors in the environment that pose threats to health, safety and security and report to the appropriate person, taking remedial action where possible</p> <p>1.2 Select cleansing products appropriate to the dog's coat type, condition and client preferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • normal shampoos • anti-parasitic shampoos • conditioners <p>1.3 Handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout</p> <p>1.4 Examine the coat and where an abnormal condition appears seek advice from the appropriate person</p> <p>1.5 Dilute cleansing products according to the manufacturers' instructions and use them with water at the correct temperature and rate of water flow</p> <p>1.6 Externally check anal sacs and report any physical abnormalities to the appropriate person</p>

	<p>1.7 Remove dirt and debris from between the toes and pads</p> <p>1.8 Clean the coat and skin thoroughly in a manner that minimises distress to the dog and promotes the health and safety of all throughout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wool • wire • silk • double • smooth <p>1.9 Take the appropriate corrective action immediately should cleansing products enter the eyes, mouth or ears of the dog</p> <p>1.10 Rinse all residues from the coat and skin where appropriate and remove excess water from the coat prior to drying</p> <p>1.11 Complete accurate records on the techniques and materials used</p> <p>1.12 Communicate with clients and colleagues on the dog's care requirements</p>
2. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment	<p>2.1 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 dog</p> <p>2.2 Select and use equipment according to relevant legislation and instructions</p> <p>2.3 Use the correct protective equipment and clothing in accordance with guidelines and organisational policy</p> <p>2.4 Prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition</p>
3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	<p>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</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 remove excess hair, knots and tangles prior to bathing and grooming.</p>	<p>4.1 State why it is important to approach and handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout</p> <p>4.2 Describe the different types of cleansing products available, their purposes and the types of coat and conditions for which they are suitable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • normal shampoos • anti-parasitic shampoos • conditioners <p>4.3 Describe how coat type and the condition of the coat and skin affect the cleansing products that should be used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wool • wire • silk • double • smooth <p>4.4 State the importance in following manufacturers' instructions regarding dilution of cleansing products, how to correctly interpret these instructions, and the possible consequences of not doing so</p> <p>4.5 State why it is important to obtain authorisation from the client or a senior colleague before using anti-parasitic products</p> <p>4.6 Describe how to carry out an external examination of anal sacs, what is normal, when expression may be necessary, and explain why it is done and the possible consequences of doing it incorrectly or ignoring their poor condition</p> <p>4.7 State the importance and methods of preventing solutions entering the dog's eyes, mouth and ears and explain why it is important to tell the client if this happens</p> <p>4.8 Describe how to check that all residues have been rinsed from the coat and skin unless contra-indicated by manufacturers' instructions</p> <p>4.9 Describe the methods to remove excess water from the dog prior to drying and why it is important to do this</p> <p>4.10 Describe basic dog anatomy and physiology sufficient to be able to identify abnormalities</p>
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	<p>4.11 Describe the signs and symptoms of basic skin problems and infestations</p> <p>4.12 State why it is necessary to check the anal glands, eyes, ears, skin, teeth and gums</p> <p>4.13 State the limits of the groomer's role when informing clients of possible abnormalities and conditions (i.e. not diagnosing) and the importance of referring clients to a veterinary surgeon</p> <p>4.14 Describe the records that should be kept and the reasons for doing so</p>
5. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them	<p>5.1 Describe the equipment which will be required for the activity</p> <p>5.2 Describe the methods of maintaining the range of equipment</p>
6. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice	<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>6.4 Explain the records required for management and legislative purposes and the importance of maintaining them</p> <p>6.5 State the protective equipment and clothing required when bathing a dog, and explain its purpose and correct use</p> <p>6.6 Describe the potential threats to health, safety and security in a bathing area and steps that should be taken to minimise the threats</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NAC8.2</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

D/502/1697 Bathe and clean dogs - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

Note 1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number listed e.g. LO1.3

Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive.

Note 3: For the purpose of this indicative content a Border terrier will be discussed, however this should be adapted to apply to a range of species and breeds.

LO1, LO2 and LO3 are competence outcomes

Learning Outcome 1. Bathe and clean dog's coat and skin

1.1 Identify any factors in the environment that pose threats to health, safety and security and report to the appropriate person, taking remedial action where possible identify factors such as damaged equipment, sharp edges, faulty and exposed wiring, water and electricity in close contact of each other, dirty equipment, unlabelled chemicals, unsuitable safety equipment, lack of accessible fire exits, enclosures damaged and unable to be secured. Report factors to supervisor. Remove animal to a safe and secure location until factors have been dealt with.

1.2 Select cleansing products appropriate to the dog's coat type, condition and client preferences

- **normal shampoos** puppy shampoos, colour enhancer shampoos, herbal shampoos and natural products, homeopathy shampoos, anti-tangle shampoo
- **anti-parasitic shampoos** flea and mite shampoo
- **conditioners** shine enhancer conditioners, colour enhancer conditioners

1.3 Handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout approach calmly, handle gently, reassure dog, restrain securely using an appropriate technique, minimise stress use restraint aid where necessary e.g. muzzle.

1.4 Examine the coat and where an abnormal condition appears seek advice from the appropriate person examine thoroughly starting from the head and working backwards. Examine for signs of parasites, wounds, skin conditions, matts, alopecia. Report to supervisor, report to owner, report verbally and also keep written records, and electronically.

1.5 Dilute cleansing products according to the manufacturers'

instructions and use them with water at the correct temperature and rate of water flow follow manufacturer's guidelines accurately. Dilute using the correct ratio of product to water. Ensure the temperature is correct to prevent risk of hypothermia, scalding and to ensure comfort. Ensure the water flows at a steady rate

1.6 Externally check anal sacs and report any physical abnormalities to the appropriate person ensure someone restrains the dog, lift the tail at the base. Locate the anal glands at the 5 and 7 o'clock positions with the dog standing. Examine for swelling and irritation. Report any abnormalities to supervisor and owner/carer.

1.7 Remove dirt and debris from between the toes and pads clip, brush, cut or wipe away debris including matted hair and dirt.

1.8 Clean the coat and skin thoroughly in a manner that minimises distress to the dog and promotes the health and safety of all throughout

- **wool** brush regularly as wool coats are prone to matting
- **wire** clip or hand strip
- **silk** brush using a slicker brush or a pin brush. Brush regularly. When cleaning don't scrub too much as this can destroy the silky texture.
- **double** groom regularly as the undercoat can become matted
- **smooth** groom using a bristle brush

For all coat types the coat should be cleaned by wiping, cutting, clipping or bathing away debris. The skin should be cleansed using canine shampoo or cleansing wipes. Ensure the animal is restrained in a firm, calm manner to reduce distress and reassure throughout the procedure.

1.9 Take the appropriate corrective action immediately should cleansing products enter the eyes, mouth or ears of the dog follow the manufacturer's instructions. Flush the eyes with sterile saline. Seek veterinary advice.

1.10 Rinse all residues from the coat and skin where appropriate and remove excess water from the coat prior to drying rinse all areas of the body until the water runs clear. Remove excess water using your hands on the coat and then towel dry.

1.11 Complete accurate records on the techniques and materials used ensure all records are completed thoroughly. Include cleansing products used, method used to clean and groom.

1.12 Communicate with clients and colleagues on the dog's care requirements communicate verbally, electronically or written.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment

2.1 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 dog appropriate equipment gathered e.g. lead and collar, combs and brushes, stripping equipment, free from debris, disinfected, check equipment and area for hazards, ensure equipment is functional.

2.2 Select and use equipment according to relevant legislation and instructions thinning shears to remove stray hairs, cotton wool to clean around eyes and ears, slicker brush, bristle brush, metal comb, scissors, stripping knife, chalk block. Refer to the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, Animal Welfare Act 2006, Pet Animals Act 1951, Five Freedoms, Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002, Control of Substances Hazardous to

Health Regulations 2002.

2.3 Use the correct protective equipment and clothing in accordance with guidelines and organisational policy gloves, aprons, masks, goggles and shoe covers. Refer to LO2.2.

2.4 Prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition ensure equipment is cleaned and disinfected after use. Check condition prior to use. Store in a secure, safe area ready for use.

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

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 - Animal Welfare Act 2006, Pet Animals Act 1951, Five Freedoms, Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 1995, Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, maintain safety of staff and animals, complete and review risk assessments.

3.2 Carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage follow appropriate legislation. Refer to LO3.1, dispose of waste and chemicals according to above legislation, be responsible for own actions.

3.3 Dispose of waste safely and correctly dispose of waste materials following correct procedures, clinical waste, domestic waste, industrial waste. Segregate waste according to current legislation. Dispose of according to current legislation using licensed companies. Refer to LO3.1.

LO4, LO5 and LO6 are knowledge based outcomes

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to remove excess hair, knots and tangles prior to bathing and grooming.

4.1 State why it is important to approach and handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout to prevent stress and injury to the animal, to prevent injury to the handler, to enable the procedure to be completed, to ensure that future bathing and grooming is stress free.

4.2 Describe the different types of cleansing products available, their purposes and the types of coat and conditions for which they are suitable

- **normal shampoos** refer to LO1.2
- **anti-parasitic shampoos** refer to LO1.2
- **conditioners** refer to LO1.2

4.3 Describe how coat type and the condition of the coat and skin affect the cleansing products that should be used

- **wool** high maintenance, continually growing coat. Tangles and matts easily. Needs bathing and grooming regularly. Anti-tangle products and anti-static sprays can be used.
- **wire** general shampoos. Conditioners not deemed beneficial for wire coats.
- **silk** often a long thick coat. Requires regular bathing with general shampoo and conditioner.
- **double** mild shampoo so as not to disturb natural oils, able to penetrate the thick double coat. Low residue to enable thorough rinsing.
- **smooth** general shampoos and conditioner.

Skin condition can affect cleansing products as some may cause irritation. Medicated products may be required for specific skin conditions.

- 4.4 State the importance in following manufacturers' instructions regarding dilution of cleansing products, how to correctly interpret these instructions, and the possible consequences of not doing so** to ensure the products are diluted correctly. This ensures that the product is effective, side effects and irritation are not caused to the animal. It also ensures it is economical. Instructions must be read correctly ensuring the correct ratio of product to water is used.
- 4.5 State why it is important to obtain authorisation from the client or a senior colleague before using anti-parasitic products** to ensure the product is suitable for intended use, to ensure that it will not react with any other possible treatments the animal has received, in case of reactions.
- 4.6 Describe how to carry out an external examination of anal sacs, what is normal, when expression may be necessary, and explain why it is done and the possible consequences of doing it incorrectly or ignoring their poor condition** refer to LO1.6. The area should be clean, normal skin colour, no signs of swelling or abnormal smell. Expression may be necessary if the sacs are swollen (suggesting they are full), of there is a strong smell, or if irritation is being caused. Expression is done to empty the sacs and prevent discomfort. Incorrect or no expression can result in impaction, infection and self-trauma to the skin surrounding or nearby the glands.
- 4.7 State the importance and methods of preventing solutions entering the dog's eyes, mouth and ears and explain why it is important to tell the client if this happens** refer to LO1.9. This can be prevented by care and attention when shampooing, do not run the water over the dog's eyes, smooth Vaseline around the eyes to create a barrier, place cotton balls into the ears, do not run the water over the dog's head. Clients must be informed in case of side effects/ reactions.
- 4.8 Describe how to check that all residues have been rinsed from the coat and skin unless contra-indicated by manufacturers' instructions** rinse with fresh running water until the water runs clear. If unsure rinse again. Examine the coat for any signs of residue such as soap suds.
- 4.9 Describe the methods to remove excess water from the dog prior to drying and why it is important to do this** refer to LO1.10. This shortens the time needed for electronic drying and therefore reduces stress. Hypothermia can result if the animal is too wet for a long period of time.
- 4.10 Describe basic dog anatomy and physiology sufficient to be able to identify abnormalities** structure of the skin to include the sub dermis, dermis and epidermis. Hair follicles and their locations. Sweat glands. Structure and function of anal glands. Nail structure and function. Function of the canine coat.
- 4.11 Describe the signs and symptoms of basic skin problems and infestations** irritation, redness, sores, cracked skin, itching, alopecia, dandruff/scurfy coat, dry coat, excessive grease on skin or coat, visible parasites or signs such as flea droppings (flea dirt).
- 4.12 State why it is necessary to check the anal glands, eyes, ears, skin, teeth and gums** to check for any abnormalities that may require further attention - refer to LO4.6. Check eyes for redness and discharge, ears should be checked for redness, strong smells and excessive wax, skin refer to LO4.11, teeth should be checked for plaque and damaged/loose teeth, gums should be checked for colour, swelling, redness and bleeding.

4.13 State the limits of the groomer's role when informing clients of possible abnormalities and conditions (i.e. not diagnosing) and the importance of referring clients to a veterinary surgeon groomers can inform clients of the symptoms they have discovered but cannot diagnose a condition. They can inform of abnormalities and refer to a vet for a diagnosis and treatment.

4.14 Describe the records that should be kept and the reasons for doing so refer to LO1.11

Learning Outcome 5. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them

5.1 Describe the equipment which will be required for the activity dog bath/shower, non-slip surfaces, restraint hooks, cleansing and conditioning products, towels, blaster, drier.

5.2 Describe the methods of maintaining the range of equipment refer to LO2.4. Follow manufacturer's guidelines for maintenance and servicing.

Learning Outcome 6. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

6.1 Outline the current health and safety, animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements refer to LO3.1

6.2 Describe how environmental damage can be minimised refer to LO3.2

6.3 Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste refer to LO3.3

6.4 Explain the records required for management and legislative purposes and the importance of maintaining them refer to LO1.11.

Record invoices, payments made and methods of payment. Records should be maintained to ensure they are current, relevant and accessible.

6.5 State the protective equipment and clothing required when bathing a dog, and explain its purpose and correct use gloves to cover hands and arms to prevent contamination and also prolonged contact with cleansing agents, aprons to protect clothes and prevent contamination, goggles to protect eyes from water and cleansing agents.

6.6 Describe the potential threats to health, safety and security in a bathing area and steps that should be taken to minimise the threats electrocution – ensure hands are dry when handling electrics, keep water away from electricity, use protected sockets, back injuries – use more than one person to lift dogs, use hydraulic tables, slips – ensure spills are mopped up immediately, use wet floor signs, dog bites – use suitable restraint such as muzzles. Perform a thorough risk assessment and regularly review.

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 1, 2 and 3

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the

assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 4, 5 and 6

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria.

All learners must complete a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria

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Simulation will not be acceptable where the unit is included in qualifications which verify competent performance. Please refer to Lantra's Assessment Strategy for further guidance.

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EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See ABC website for further information

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</p>

	<p>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>
2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	<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>
3. Know how to clean the work environment	<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 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 environment</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NAC 3.1, 2</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

Maintain the cleanliness and bio security of the animal care working environment - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

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Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive

LO1 and LO2 are competence based outcomes

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to clean and maintain the work environment

- 1.1 Carry out the cleaning of equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instructions** clean away debris with detergent, disinfect equipment following cleaning. Follow manufacturer's instructions on how to clean and dilution rates of chemicals. Ensure equipment is cleaned thoroughly, including grooves, ratchets, hinges and all surfaces.
- 1.2 Select and use protective clothing, tools, equipment and cleaning materials in accordance with manufacturers'/employers' instructions** protective clothing to include gloves, aprons, mask and protective boots. Tools, equipment and cleaning materials to include maintenance tools such as screwdrivers, spanners and hammers, mops, brooms, buckets, cleaning chemicals, hosepipes, brushes and sponges/cloths. Follow instructions accurately.
- 1.3 Clean at least 5 of the following areas in the working environment**
 - **floors and walls** remove any objects from floor space, sweep/hover debris, clean and disinfect. Use warning signs for wet floors
 - **work tables/benches** remove all objects. Clean and disinfect
 - **washing and drying areas** ensure area is uncluttered. Clean and disinfect
 - **public areas** ensure chemicals are non-hazardous, provide warning signs when necessary
 - **animal accommodation** remove animal to secure location, remove bedding etc., remove organic debris, clean with detergent and disinfect. Use detergent and disinfectant combined if available. Follow directions for chemicals.
 - **staff facilities** to include staff room, toilet, and kitchen area.
- 1.4 Complete appropriate maintenance checks to identify wear and tear and accurately report to the appropriate person as soon as possible**

check for damage such as broken equipment, exposed wiring, damaged door hinges on accommodation, broken windows, check for potential hazards. Mark any faults clearly for all other personnel to see and report to supervisor.

- 1.5 Leave working areas in an appropriate state for the work to be undertaken** equipment put away, debris removed, cleaned and disinfected.
- 1.6 Store materials and equipment safely and correctly after use** ensure equipment is cleaned and checked for wear and tear after use. Clean and disinfect when necessary. Return to their correct storage location. Ensure harmful equipment is stored in a secure area.
- 1.7 Ensure that animal welfare, safety and security is maintained at all times during and after cleaning of the work environment** ensure that the animal is kept in a secure location. Ensure no stress is caused to the animal, monitor during and after the cleaning for signs of stress. Follow manufacturer's instructions to ensure chemicals and dilution rates are appropriate for use around animals.
- 1.8 Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes** keep a timely, clear and accurate record of cleaning carried out, chemicals used and date and time of cleaning. Records can be kept written or electronic.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

- 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** refer to the Animal Welfare Act 2006, Pet Animals Act 1951, Five Freedoms, Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 1995, Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, maintain safety of staff and animals. Complete and review risk assessments.
- 2.2 Carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage** keep noise levels low to prevent noise pollution, use chemicals safely and at the manufacturers recommendations. Dispose of chemicals and waste correctly. Refer to LO2.1
- 2.3 Dispose of waste safely and correctly** dispose of waste materials following correct procedures, clinical waste, domestic waste, industrial waste. Segregate waste according to current legislation. Dispose of according to current legislation using licensed companies.

LO3, LO4 and LO5 are knowledge based outcomes

Learning Outcome 3. Know how to clean the work environment

- 3.1 State what the potential hazards are when cleaning each area of the following work environments**
 - **floors and walls** chemical hazards such as chemical splashes, irritation from chemicals, inhalation/ingestion of chemicals. Slips on wet floors, tripping over cleaning equipment such as mops and buckets, water around electricity switches/sockets
 - **work tables/benches** chemicals hazards (see above). Sprains and strains when clearing benches. Water around electricity sockets.
 - **washing and drying areas** chemical hazards, water around electricity sources
 - **public areas** chemical hazards, electrical hazards, slips on wet floors,

tripping over equipment

- **animal accommodation** chemical hazards, electrical hazards, slips and trips, banging of head if leaning into cattery type kennels, back injuries, bites/scratches from animals, zoonotic infection.
- **staff facilities** chemical hazards, electrical hazards, slips and trips.

3.2 Assess the risks and state how they can be minimised with respect to the

- **animal(s)** ensure suitable restraint equipment is used e.g. lead and collar, halti, muzzle, gauntlets. Seek assistance if necessary. Remove animal to a separate, secure location.
- **work environment** ensure equipment is moved safely out of the way, ensure floor space is clean, dry and uncluttered to prevent trips and slips. Ensure wiring and electrical equipment is checked regularly and serviced.
- **equipment** ensure electrical equipment is serviced regularly and checked for wiring. Ensure equipment is cleaned and disinfected to prevent transmission of zoonotic disease. Check equipment is in a safe working order before use.
- **cleaning materials** store in secure original containers, wear protective clothing such as gloves, aprons, face masks, follow manufacturers instruction.
- **others** complete and regularly review risk assessments. Follow protocols and procedures accurately.

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

- **particular fabrics** detergents, disinfectants, brushes.
- **surfaces** detergents, disinfectants, sponges and cloths
- **equipment** detergents, disinfectants, sterilising solution, brushes, mops. Chemicals need to be diluted correctly following the manufacturer's instructions. Incorrect dilution can lead to the chemical being ineffective, toxic fumes, skin irritation.

3.4 Describe why cleaning should minimise disruption to other staff and to animals to ensure that staff productivity continues and remains high, organisation can continue to run smoothly and efficiently, prevents stress and injury to the animals if they are not disrupted.

3.5 Explain the contribution that good cleaning practices have on customer relations, the image of the organisation and health and bio-security creates a professional image, customers are likely to return and recommend your business by word of mouth, gives the impression that the service to the customer will be high and that animals will be well cared for, prevents transmission of disease between animals, people and also zoonotic diseases.

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to clean and maintain equipment in the work environment

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 detergents, disinfectants, sterilising solutions, brushes, sponges and cloths, washing bowls, buckets, ultrasonic cleaners, sterilising units. Electrical equipment should be cleaned ensuring that any wiring and plugs does not come in contact with water. Protective

clothing should include gloves, aprons and facemasks.

- 4.2 State why cleaning agents should be correctly diluted and the possible effects of not doing this** refer to LO3.3
- 4.3 Explain when sterilisation can be used, the reasons for doing and the potential risks if this is not done correctly** sterilisation can be performed once items have been cleaned from organic debris. Sterilisation destroys or removes all micro-organisms. Sterilisation can be achieved by chemical (all items), steam and pressure (non electrical) or radiation. If not done correctly micro-organisms can multiply to a harmful level.
- 4.4 State the frequency with which different items of equipment should be cleaned and maintained** equipment should be cleaned immediately after use, or if used all day long i.e. work surfaces/floors then daily. Specialised items should be cleaned and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- 4.5 Describe how to recognise potentially hazardous equipment and the potential effects of not reporting it** examine equipment before and after use. Hazardous equipment includes broken equipment with sharp edges, contaminated equipment, cracked casing of electrical items, and exposed wiring. If not reported use may be continued resulting in injury to user and or animal.
- 4.6 Explain the reasons of maintaining and storing cleaning materials and equipment safely and correctly** to maintain their effectiveness, to ensure they pose no health and safety threat including trips and slips, chemical reaction from inhalation/ingestion/ or contact, to ensure they are safe, accessible and in working order for next person.
- 4.7 State why it is important to keep accurate records** to comply with legislation, to ensure people can track when and how it was cleaned, to track maintenance and servicing of equipment.
- 4.8 Describe how cleaning, maintenance and storage of work equipment contributes to bio-security measures** by effectively removing and destroying micro-organisms, or keeping number of micro-organisms to a minimum. This reduces the risk of disease transmission.

Learning Outcome 5. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

- 5.1 Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements** refer to the Animal Welfare Act 2006, Pet Animals Act 1951, Five Freedoms, Animal Welfare Transport Legislation 2007 Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 1995, Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, maintain safety of staff and animals. Complete and review risk assessments.
- 5.2 Describe how environmental damage can be minimised** refer to LO2.2
- 5.3 Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste** refer to LO2.3
- 5.4 Describe the selection and use of Personal Protective Equipment for cleaning the work environment** gloves, face masks, aprons and goggles when using/preparing chemicals. Steel toe capped boots when using heavy equipment.

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 3, 4 and 5

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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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	1.1 Use correct personal hygiene procedures before and after preparing animal feed 1.2 Prepare the correct amount of animal feed according to feeding plans in a way that minimises wastage
2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	2.1 Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements 2.2 Dispose of waste and animal feed safely and correctly
3. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment	3.1 Select appropriate materials and equipment for this area of work 3.2 Use the appropriate equipment and utensils in a hygienic way consistent with legal and organisational requirements 3.3 Prepare, maintain and store materials and equipment in a safe, hygienic and effective condition
4. Know how to prepare	4.1

feed for animals	<p>Describe the importance of personal hygiene and health and safety in preparing animal feed</p> <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>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

L/502/1467 Prepare feed for animals – Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

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Note 3: The examples used here are cats however any appropriate species or mixture of species can be used

LO1, LO2 LO3 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to prepare feed for animals

1.1 Use correct personal hygiene procedures before and after preparing animal feed Ensure that hands are washed and dried correctly, using antibacterial wash, soap &/or hand cleanser, keep facilities clean and tidy before and after preparing feed, to prevent cross contamination. Use correct PPE as applicable

1.2 Prepare the correct amount of animal feed according to feeding plans in a way that minimises wastage Use feeding plan provided to identify amount and type of feed required. Use correct utensils as listed in LO3. Read and follow feeding plans for animals to be fed, calculate different feeds required for animals being fed. Use weigh scales or other form of metering amount of food by volume, to ensure feed is allocated accurately to prevent over and under feeding, and prevent wastage. Use feed utensils as detailed in LO3.2.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

2.1 Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements Work safely according to current legislation with due regard to animal health and welfare e.g. Animal Health Acts, Health and Safety, PUWER, Environmental Protection Acts, Codes of Practices as applicable, risk assessment and any other additional requirements. Learners do not need to know the intricacies of these laws but they do need to know basic safety requirements, cleanliness, and feed preparation requirements.

2.2 Dispose of waste and animal feed safely and correctly Animal waste including feed should be removed and disposed of correctly as instructed,

following standard operating procedure. All categories of livestock waste products disposed of in accordance to environmental legislation, in muck heap or allocated containers. Waste water disposed in a dirty water system. The importance of not feeding contaminated feeds should be highlighted.

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment

3.1 Select appropriate materials and equipment for this area of work

Equipment for personal use selected footwear, gloves, apron, etc. Equipment for handling and preparing food e.g. tin opener, fork, spoon, bowls and weigh scales. Ensure any electrical equipment (fridge, freezer, kettles) used is safe, pat tested and correctly maintained. Equipment for feeding cat; water bowls and feed bowls clean and fit for purpose. Note bowls must be wide enough to let cat put head into bowl without touching whiskers. None slip bases also useful.

3.2 Use the appropriate equipment and utensils in a hygienic way consistent with legal and organisational requirements

Follow workplace rules and standard operating procedures to prepare food, with specific tools such as scales, knives, spoons used for each type of food, to prevent cross contamination certain tools may sometimes only be used for selected feeds such as tinned cat feed.

3.3 Prepare, maintain and store materials and equipment in a safe, hygienic and effective condition

Clean all tools and equipment before and after process so ready for reuse. Do not clean with human feeding utensils. Ensure temperature safe but high enough to remove bacteria. Do not use highly scented detergents on feed bowls as it can deter cats from eating. Check all equipment and materials are clean and in good working order before and after use. Report breakages and defects to line manager, who could be section manager, small holder, pet owner, vet, keeper, or teacher. Store cupboards temperature regulated, preferably out of direct sunlight. All opened containers labelled for specific animals. Tinned food removed from tins placed in air tight containers and labelled. Ref LO1.2

LO4, and LO5 are the key areas of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to prepare feed for animals

4.1 The importance of personal hygiene and health and safety when preparing animal feed

Know the reasons for personal hygiene e.g. Cross contamination with for example Salmonella and E Coli infections. Know how to keep safe when preparing feed; note the use of simple risk assessments for all standard operating procedures used, is a useful teaching tool to highlight risks. E.g. use of tin openers, sharp knives, motorised equipment and machinery if used. Ref LO1.1 and LO2.1

4.2 Describe the different types of feed that are available and how to prepare these, covering, prey, freshly prepared and cooked foods, frozen. proprietary tinned and dried foods

- **Fresh** Cats like to kill and eat their own prey e.g. insects, rodents, birds, reptiles. Fresh food can be prepared for cats who will eat it raw however to reduce the risk of salmonella it is best cooked. E.g. porridge, liver, rabbit, poultry, fish, scrambled eggs. Cool and remove bones before feeding. Problems can occur with vitamin mineral and amino acid imbalance so not recommended as a sole method of feeding cats.

- **Frozen** Above foods can be kept frozen, then thawed properly prior to feeding and preferably cooked for cats. Cats will only eat prey they have killed themselves.
- **Dried** Contains minimal water so water must be provided at all times, good for cats' teeth, poor quality dried food known to result in urinary problems in the past. However very good source of correctly balanced feed, vitamin and minerals. Clean to use, best varied with other types of feed.
- **Tinned** Preferred by most cats as many different flavours, varieties and qualities, it is a well balanced feed, also pouched feeds are similar to tinned, are drier so keeps better after feeding. Tinned and pouched feeds must be only fed in small quantities to prevent wastage.
Know the effect of faddism and importance of varied diets for cats from a young age.

4.3 Describe any particular precautions that should be taken when preparing different types of feed Know how to keep safe see LO2.1, LO2.2 and LO4.1 and extra precautions needed for each type of feed. Feed at room temperature. Fresh feed must not be a sole diet unless all natural prey. Ref LO4.2. Care required with cross contamination Ref LO3.1 and LO3.2. All fresh food cooked adequately to kill all bacteria. Frozen see LO4.2 and problems handling frozen food adequate PPE. Dried See LO4.2 vary with other feed use good proprietary well balanced feeds only, do not over feed as can be a cause of urinary calculi if fed without adequate water or for long periods. Tinned. Good balanced feed but cats can get addicted and over eat or refuse to eat. Decant into ceramic stainless steel or plastic containers with lids to prevent deterioration, store in fridge use in 24hrs

4.4 Describe the equipment and utensils that are used in preparing and serving animal feed Ref LO3.LO4.2

4.5 Describe three situations in which animals may have specific nutritional needs. Examples could be kittens up to 12 weeks need 5 small meals a day due to small size. Elderly cats getting tooth problems need soft feed, fed to appetite one to two meals a day, to ensure adequate food intake is not prevented by pain. Nursing cats need a good supply of feed and water available at all times and fed two times a day. Special diets for cats with diarrhoea and or colitis will be prescribed by vets.

Learning Outcome 5. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

5.1 Current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and other requirements. Ref LO2.1 and 3.2

5.2 Correct methods of disposing of waste and animal feed: See LO2.2

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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

Learning Outcomes (LO) 1, 2 and 3

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by supervised practical animal care tasks giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks and then to be

observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 4 and 5

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

It is important that practical assessment activities are supervised appropriately

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria.

All learners must complete a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Centres will need to devise assessment tasks which will be mainly practical, but also knowledge based tests. Based in an animal care centre, wildlife centre, on a farm, or in a zoo where possible. **Simulation is not acceptable for this unit**

Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

ABC expects that staff will be appropriately qualified to assess learners against the outcomes and criteria within the units. Generally teaching staff should be qualified and/or vocationally experienced to at least a level above that which they are teaching.

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Evidence presented to support achievement is not prescribed for each learning outcome. It **could** typically include

- Product evidence
- Observation reports
- Oral/written questions and answers
- Reports/notes
- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects

- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment
- Tool / equipment inventory lists / maintenance schedules
- Pictorial identifications
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

This is not an exhaustive list and learners should be encouraged to develop the most appropriate evidence to demonstrate their achievement of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

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All internal assessments must be accompanied by a signed Declaration of Authenticity (this document is available on the ABC web site).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

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- The Health and Safety Executive website <http://www.hse.gov.uk/> has useful information about identifying what health and safety legislation applies to areas of work and lists of Acts, Statutory instruments and legal publications
- The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs website has up to date information about legislation, codes of practice and consultations in the horticultural / agricultural sectors
- The Environment Agency website <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk> provides guidance about environmental permitting, pollution and emissions, hazardous waste, water etc

See ABC website for further information

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	1.1 Select the correct feed according to the animals' feeding plan 1.2 Prepare feed correctly and hygienically 1.3 Provide feed in a manner which gives each animal the opportunity to obtain its food and maintains its health and welfare 1.4 Supply clean, fresh water to the animals according to their needs 1.5 Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes
2. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment	2.1 Select appropriate equipment for this area of work 2.2 Prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition
3. Be able to work safely	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

	3.2 Dispose of waste safely and correctly
4. Know how to provide feed and water to animals	<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>
5. Know relevant health and safety legislation	<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>
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 cleaning and maintaining the range of equipment hygienically</p>
Mapping to National Occupational Standards	

Supporting Unit Information

D/502/1473 Provide feed and water to animals – Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

Note 1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number listed e.g. LO1.3

Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive

Note 3: The examples used here are cats however any appropriate species or mixture of species can be used

LO1, LO2 LO3 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to provide feed and water to animals

1.1 Select the correct feed in accordance to animals' feeding plan Follow feeding plan for animals to be fed, Use plan provided to identify amount and type of feed required which could be fresh, frozen, dried, or tinned

1.2 Prepare feed correctly and hygienically Follow standard operating procedure, prepare by washing hands and selecting correct PPE, use clean tools and equipment to measure and dispense food into correct containers for animals concerned. Report mistakes in feeding plans, breakages and defects to line manager, who could be section manager, small holder, pet owner, vet, keeper, or teacher. All opened containers labelled for specific animals if not emptied sealed and labelled, to ensure no cross contamination, miss feeding, and stored in safe place such as fridge for perishable foods or sealed containers for dried and other foods.

1.3 Provide feed in a manner which gives each animal the opportunity to obtain its food and maintains its health and welfare Ensure cats have own bowls cleaned and returned with correct feed allocation as feeding plan with no distractions e.g. dogs, other cats etc. All cats in room fed at the same time if possible to prevent stress and give them time to eat. Especially with young animals feeding plan may be little and often to increase feed intake and keep them fit

1.4 Supply clean, fresh water to the animals according to their needs Water provided ad lib unless otherwise directed e.g. before an operation. Water bowls kept topped up, clean and hygienic throughout to help encourage uptake. Beware topping up dirty containers

1.5 Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes Follow work place standard operating procedures for recording and providing information for example - hospitalisation records with name of animal, date of

arrival, expected time of operation, type of food and water required, amount and whether eaten, time of withholding of food prior to operation, change of diet and time required for post operation food and water or information on hypo-allergenic or weight loss/gain diets

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment

- 2.1 Select appropriate equipment for this area of work** Equipment for personal use selected footwear, gloves, apron, etc. Equipment for handling and preparing food e.g. tin opener, fork, spoon, bowls and weigh scales. Ensure any electrical equipment (fridge, freezer, kettles) used is safe, pat tested and correctly maintained. Equipment for feeding cat; water bowls and feed bowls clean and fit for purpose. Note bowls must be wide enough to let cat put head into bowl without touching whiskers. None slip bases also useful.
- 2.2 Prepare, maintain and store equipment in the correct way** Clean all tools and equipment before and after process so ready for reuse. Do not clean with human feeding utensils. Ensure temperature safe but high enough to remove bacteria. Do not use highly scented detergents on feed bowls as it can deter cats from eating. Check all equipment and materials are clean and in good working order before and after use. Report breakages and defects to line manager, ref. LO1.2. Store cupboards temperature regulated, preferably out of direct sunlight. All opened containers labelled for specific animals. Tinned food removed from tins placed in air tight containers and labelled, before refrigeration.

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to work safely

- 3.1 Work healthily and safely with regard to animal welfare codes of practice and other requirements minimising environmental damage** Work safely according to current legislation with due regard to animal health and welfare e.g. Animal Health Acts, Health and Safety, PUWER, Environmental Protection Acts, Codes of Practices as applicable, risk assessment and any other additional requirements. Learners do not need to know the intricacies of these laws but they do need to know basic safety requirements, cleanliness, and feed preparation requirements.
- 3.2 Dispose of waste safely and correctly** Animal waste including feed should be removed and disposed of correctly as instructed, following standard operating procedures. The disposal of all categories of animal feed waste and water, disposed of in accordance to environmental legislation, in municipal waste bins, sinks or specifically allocated containers. or dirty water system. The importance of not feeding contaminated feeds and water should be highlighted

LO4, LO5 and LO6 are the key areas of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to provide feed and water for animals

- 4.1 Describe the purpose of a feeding plan** To prevent illness from underfeeding and over feeding, feeding the correct foods at the correct times. To enable a written record which enables different people to follow plan and feed correctly, to enable analysis of feed intake to diagnosis illness, incidents of weight gain or loss, changes in behaviour. To prevent gorging and sickness, and to prevent wastage. Ref LO1.1
- 4.2 Describe different types of feed and feed quality for 3 different**

purposes Examples could be freshly caught prey if plentiful caught by cat provides all a cat needs to keep healthy Cats like to kill and eat their own prey e.g. insects rodents, birds, reptiles. Tinned food can be useful to help a cat regain lost body condition especially more expensive brands e.g. kittens up to 12 weeks need 5 small meals of tinned food a day. Elderly cat getting tooth problems need soft tinned food, fed to appetite one to two times a day. Dried food contains minimal water so water must be provided at all times, good for cats' teeth, and good for cats where it may be impossible to feed the regularly e.g. pressures of work as it does not go off as quickly as fresh and tinned foods

Examples of different uses of different feed types could be special diets for cats with diarrhoea and or colitis, or hypo-allergenic diets as prescribed by vets. Post and pre operation diets, specialist kidney diets. Nursing cats also need a good supply of a variety of feed and water available at all times, or fed two times a day at least

- 4.3 Outline the importance of providing fresh water to animals** Cats' body contains about 67% water, which is approximately the percentage of water in the prey they would catch and eat in the wild. A 15% loss in water can result in death. Dry cat food is around 10% water, and canned cat food around 78%. Without the right water the cat can become ill with dehydration. Dirty water can carry infections e.g. bacteria such as Salmonella. Excess water is not a problem as the cat can expel excess in urine. Water loss can take place with bleeding, diarrhoea, increased body temp, increased salt intake and must be replaced to prevent death. Ref LO1.4
- 4.4 Describe normal feeding and drinking behaviour of animals and how to identify signs of abnormality** Cats can vary but they are creatures of habit, variations in normal habits such as not drinking or eating, are important and can indicate illness and must be noted on feeding charts and/or reported to line manager. Ref LO1.2. Dropping of feed can indicate tooth problems as can refusal to eat dried food.
- 4.5 Correct storage and use of equipment and feed:** Ref LO2.2
- 4.6 Difficulties and risks during feeding and who to report them to** Work with due regard to health and safety Ref LO3.1 to minimise risks. Risk assessments are useful teaching tools to highlight potential difficulties and risks when feeding all types of animals. Some cats can be very aggressive at times for example and learners need to report any issues to Line Managers. Ref LO1.2 so that warnings can be put in place to minimise the risk to all personnel. Risks to the cat due to eating too fast causing sickness or aspiration pneumonia also noted.
- 4.7 Types of records required and the importance of accurate records** Records required can vary between businesses and individual cats. Ref LO1.5. From total recorded feeding regime to a record of just feeding in some catteries. Legibility and accuracy of all records paramount as otherwise have no meaning and can cause mistakes. Records may for example be written on cards, placed in cats cage or record book, or electronic in computer recording system, or digital recording system.

Learning Outcome 5. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

5.1 Current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and other requirements. Ref LO3.1

5.2 Correct methods of disposing of waste and animal feed: Ref LO3.2

Learning Outcome 6. Know the types of equipment and how to maintain them

6.1 Equipment required for feeding: Ref LO2.1

6.2 Methods of cleaning and maintaining equipment hygienically: Know methods of cleaning all tools and equipment before and after process so ready for reuse. Ref LO2.2

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 4, 5 and 6

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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</p>

	<p>concerned to maintain health, safety and welfare of the animal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prior to exercise • during exercise • after exercise
4. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	<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>
5. Be able to communicate with colleagues and others	<p>5.1 Communicate with colleagues and/or others regarding the exercise requirements and opportunities for the animal</p>
6. Know how to provide controlled exercise opportunities to animals	<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
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NAC4.1</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

K/502/1556 Provide controlled exercise opportunities for animals - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit. Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context

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Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive.

Note 3: For the purpose of this indicative content a canine will be discussed, however this should be adapted to apply to a range of species.

LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4 and LO5 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to assess opportunities for controlled exercise

1.1 Assess animals suitability for exercise and their requirements Age, species, breed, condition – health, injuries, exercise tolerance – has this been affected by clinical condition or age, natural behaviour – allow for natural behaviour to be expressed e.g. running, seeking and retrieving, controlled amounts of exercise

1.2 Assess that the exercise area is as safe as possible for the animal and the controlled exercise Secure, free from hazards – broken fencing, litter, sharp edges and objects, suitable for purpose, perform risk assessment of the area, area is controlled

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to use equipment properly and safely

2.1 Select, prepare and check appropriate equipment for exercise Lead, collar, harness, halti, exercise toys e.g. balls, check condition of equipment to include stitching, clasps, buckles etc., security of equipment, suitability for individual and use, prevents injury, prevents escape, allows appropriate exercise. Ensure PPE is worn – gloves, aprons

2.2 Fit equipment properly for the animal and the exercise Well fitted, not too tight/loose, releases quickly, not rubbing (leads, collars and haltis) exercise toys not broken, not able to be swallowed and choked on, don't allow entrapment of tongues

2.3 Clean equipment after use Remove debris, clean with suitable detergent, use of appropriate disinfectants, correct use of disinfectants, follow manufacturer's instructions, maintain biosecurity, prevent transmission of zoonosis, maintain quality of equipment

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to provide controlled exercise opportunities for animals

- 3.1 Prepare the animals for exercise in a manner which allows them to exercise safely and to benefit from the exercise** Assess the animal's health, fit suitable equipment on the animal, assess the individual animal's requirements, check for lameness and lethargy. Benefits include expression of normal behaviour, respiratory and cardiovascular system benefits relieve from stress and boredom, mental stimulation, improved muscle tone and joint mobility
- 3.2 Provide exercise opportunities which meet the requirements of the animal and its environment** Suitable to the animal's age, breed, condition and exercise requirements. Mimic the animals natural exercise patterns – reduced exercise for puppies and geriatrics, giant breeds have reduced exercise requirements to prevent joint problems, is exercise limited for clinical reasons. Prevent stress boredom, expression of normal behaviour, reduced or over use of skeletal and muscular system, poor exercise tolerance, obesity, allow expression of normal toileting habits
- 3.3 Follow the correct procedures for the animal concerned to maintain health, safety and welfare of the animal**
- **prior to exercise** – monitor animals condition, handle correctly – restrain in a suitable manner (secure and firm), ensure equipment and area is suitable and in the correct condition – allows adequate space, no hazards, prevents escape
 - **during exercise** – is it tolerating the exercise or struggling/stressed, handle correctly – restrain in a suitable manner (secure and firm)
 - **after exercise** - monitor animals response to exercise – stress, fear, excitement, monitor animal following exercise – is it relaxed/stressed, any injuries or collapse

Learning Outcome 4. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

- 4.1 Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes** Animal details, exercise requirements, completion of exercise, written or electronic. Provide to supervisors, colleagues and owners
- 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** Animal Welfare Act 2006, Pet Animals Act 1951, Five Freedoms, Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 1995
- 4.3 Maintain personal hygiene before, during and after the exercise opportunity** Wear appropriate personal protective equipment e.g. gloves, aprons, boots – rubber boots, steel toe capped boots, wash hands before and after handling animals
- 4.4 Maintain biosecurity measures to protect yourself, others and other animals** Prevention of cross contamination, use of PPE, washing of hands, disinfecting equipment and exercise areas, minimise contact between infectious animals, maintain hygiene of the exercise area – refer to LO4.3

Learning Outcome 5. Be able to communicate with colleagues and others

- 5.1 Communicate with colleagues and/or others regarding the exercise**

requirements and opportunities for the animal – clear information, prompt communication, verbal, written, electronic – refer to LO4.1

Learning Outcome 6. Know how to provide controlled exercise opportunities to animals

- 6.1 Explain the animals' needs for controlled exercise and the reasons for this and the optimum time for exercise** Controlled areas – secure area that enables amount and type of exercise to be limited or encouraged, controlled amount of exercise- ensure animal is exercising within its limits and requirements, dependent on species, breed, age, condition – any medical or surgical contraindications
- 6.2 Explain the requirements and benefits of controlled exercise for different animals** - felines allows for hunting, chasing, expression of normal behaviour, health, prevention of stress, prevention of obesity – refer to LO1.1. Canines as above. Reptiles – prevents stereotypical behaviour, regulation of metabolism
- 6.3 State how the need for exercise differs between different animals and the context in which the animal is kept according to ,type, time, intensity, stage of life** Adapt type and time to suit the varying needs – refer to LO1.1 Health – exercise restricted due to surgical/medical contraindications, exercise tolerance may be affected in geriatric animals or medical conditions. Boarding animals will require routine and familiar exercise patterns, recovering animals will need exercise patterns adapted to their needs
- 6.4 Describe the reasons for providing animals with different exercise patterns and how these differ at different life stages** Differing requirements at different life stages to suit health, growth and development. Puppy stages require limited exercise to enable normal bone and joint development, geriatrics require reduced exercise, increased exercise requirements for working dogs
- 6.5 State why insufficient or excessive exercise is harmful to animals**
Refer to LO3
- 6.6 Explain why some animals should not be exercised** Medical conditions e.g. cardiovascular conditions or tracheal collapse having contraindications to exercise, post-surgery recumbence, post orthopaedic surgery to allow skeletal repair

Learning Outcome 7. Know what equipment should be used to provide controlled exercise opportunities to animals

- 7.1 Give examples of different equipment that would be used for different exercise opportunities** Refer to LO2.1
- 7.2 State why it is important to ensure the correct equipment is used**
Refer to LO2.1 and LO2.2
- 7.3 State why it is important to check, clean and maintain equipment in good order for use in controlled exercise opportunities** Refer to LO2.3.
Check for damage to the equipment to ensure it is still safe and functional. Maintain the equipment by checks, cleaning and correct storage to ensure safe and functional.

Learning Outcome 8. Know the relevant health and safety legislation and codes of practice

- 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 Refer to LO4.1 and LO4.2

8.2 LO8.2 List the factors affecting the safety of the exercise area where the animal(s) is to be exercised including

- **other people** – ensure safety of others, access restricted
- **the handler** personal hygiene, use of PPE (gloves, boots and aprons), not at risk of injury by environment or animal
- **the environment** – environment is secure, free from hazards, maintain biosecurity, prevents escape

8.3 State the reasons for accurate recording and reporting of the exercise taken Communication between colleagues, owners, to enable continuous monitoring of exercise, to record type of exercise, record problems post exercise such as injury, intolerance. Refer to LO4.1

Learning Outcome 9. Know about the potential risks to animals and handlers regarding bio security and infection control

9.1 Describe the potential risks to animals, handlers and others regarding

- **bio security** – reducing the risk of disease transmission between patients or to humans, use preventative measures such as PPE, hygiene, quarantine and isolation
- **infection control** – reduce the risk of disease transmission and zoonosis, use of chemicals
- **disease control** – see above

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 6, 7, 8 and 9

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

- The Complete Textbook of Veterinary Nursing – Victoria Aspinall

- RSPCA Website

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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	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

animals	<p>4.2 Provide opportunities for animals to exercise by themselves and exhibit natural behaviour which 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
5. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	<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>
6. Be able to communicate with colleagues and others	<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>
7. Be able to review exercise opportunity	<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>
8. Know how to provide exercise opportunities to animals	<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 their</p>

	<p>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>
9. Know what equipment should be used to provide controlled exercise opportunities to animals	<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>
10. Know the relevant health and safety legislation and environment good practice	<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>
11. Know the potential risks to animals and handlers regarding bio security and infection control	<p>11.1 Describe the potential risks to animals, handlers and others regarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bio security • infection control • disease control

<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NAC4.1</p>
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Supporting Unit Information

A/502/1559 Provide opportunities for animals to have freedom to exercise - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

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Learning Outcome 1. Be able to assess opportunities for animals to exercise by themselves

1.1 Assess the animals suitability for exercise and their requirements

Age – restricted for young to enable skeletal development, restricted for geriatric due to exercise tolerance, species, breed – restricted for giant breeds due to skeletal development, condition – contraindications due to medical or surgical conditions, exercise tolerance – due to health or age, natural behaviour. Check for signs of stress, lameness, fear, collapse, breathing difficulties, excitement.

1.2 Assess that the exercise area is as safe as possible for the animal and the controlled exercise

Secure, free from hazards, suitable for purpose, perform risk assessment of the area

Learning Outcome 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

Leads, collars, halters, harnesses, toys, enclosures, open spaces, PPE – gloves, aprons, boots.

- Select -suitable for purpose, does it allow suitable exercise opportunity, suitable for species/breed – size, design
- Prepare – ensure clean, safe and functional
- Check – hazards, broken clasps, sharp catches, worn material, check for escape risks, disease transmission

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to move animal safely

3.1 Move the animal to exercise area appropriately and safely according to

- animal – control direction, secure methods of transport e.g. lead and collar,

- vehicles (caged), harnesses, transport boxes, prevent injury and escape
- self – prevent injury
- environment – prevent escape, prevent damage to area Refer to LO2.1

Learning Outcome 4. Be able to provide natural exercise opportunities for animals

- 4.1 Prepare the animals for exercise in a manner which allows them to exercise safely and to benefit from the exercise** Assess the animals health, fit suitable equipment on the animal(refer to LO2.1), assess the individual animals requirements
- 4.2 Provide opportunities for animals to exercise by themselves and exhibit natural behaviour which meet the requirements of the animal and its environment** Suitable to the animal's age, breed, species condition and exercise requirements. Mimic the animals natural exercise patterns, allow for behaviour such as stalking, chasing, hiding, burying. For example enable Springer Spaniels to retrieve, search and swim.
- 4.3 Follow the correct procedures for the animal concerned to maintain health, safety and well-being of the animal**
- prior to exercise – ensure equipment and area is in the correct condition – refer to LO2.1, monitor animals condition, handle animal correctly – eg appropriate method, firmly and securely.
 - during exercise – see above, monitor animals response to exercise
 - after exercise – see above, monitor animal following exercise

Learning Outcome 5. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

- 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** Animal Welfare Act 2006, Pet Animals Act 1951, Five Freedoms, Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 1995. Complete and review risk assessments
- 5.2 Wear appropriate Personal protective Equipment for the animal and the environment** Gloves, aprons, boots – rubber, steel toe capped
- 5.3 Maintain personal hygiene before, during and after the exercise opportunity** Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, wash hands before and after handling animals
- 5.4 Maintain bio security measures to protect yourself, others and other animals** Prevention of cross contamination, use of PPE refer to LO5.2, washing of hands – refer to LO5.3, disinfecting equipment and exercise areas, minimise contact between infectious animals, maintain hygiene of the exercise area

Learning Outcome 6. Be able to communicate with colleagues and others

- 6.1 Communicate with colleagues and/or others regarding the exercise requirements and opportunities for the animal** Clear information, prompt communication, verbal, written, electronic, communicate with colleagues, owners, carers, supervisors, volunteers
- 6.2 Make correct reports of exercise activity promptly to the appropriate people** communicate with colleagues/owners, record following establishment protocols, type of exercise, duration of exercise, animal's response to

exercise. Written, verbal and electronic

Learning Outcome 7. Be able to review exercise opportunity

7.1 Review the exercise opportunity /environment enrichment to see how it meets the animals requirements Breed – smaller breeds may require more exercise than giant breeds due to joint/skeletal issues, larger breeds may require more space, age – consider variations between puppies, adults and geriatrics – allow little and often for geriatrics, condition – consider health status, natural behaviour – running, chasing, seeking and retrieving

7.2 Make adjustments to exercise opportunity/environmental enrichment as necessary Adjust to ensure that it meets the animals requirements and any changes at review e.g. change in animal condition, change in exercise requirements, more or less stimulation required.

Learning Outcome 8. Know how to provide exercise opportunities to animals

8.1 Describe the animals' natural behaviour and how opportunities can be replicated – refer to LO4.2. Adapt routine and environment to replicate their natural environment and exercise pattern

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 their expression of natural behaviour Refer to LO4.2 Allow variation between individuals. Monitor individuals and devise exercise opportunities according to their individual requirements

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 Changes in exercise tolerance may vary through juvenile adult and geriatric life stages, changes in physical capabilities due to age, health and condition, mental stimulation and variation to keep the animal stimulated and the exercise stimulating, mimicking of natural exercise patterns

8.4 State why and when you may consider changing the exercise or enrichment opportunity Changes in animal condition, changes in life stage, variation, routinely to prevent boredom and stereotypical behaviour, seasonal in some species. Review exercise at regular intervals and change when it is no longer proving effective

8.5 Describe how to recognise negative responses to exercise and environment enrichment and what you should do in different situations Stereotypical behaviour – pacing, barking, chasing tail, injury, signs of stress, self-mutilation – excess licking and grooming, chewing areas of the body, changes in temperament – aggression or depression, change in health status, report to appropriate person, review exercise requirements and methods

8.6 Describe how the lack of enrichment opportunities will cause problems in animals Prevents expression of natural behaviour and instinct, boredom, lack of mental stimulation, stereotypical behaviours, stress and reduced health. Refer to LO4.2

Learning Outcome 9. Know what equipment should be used to provide controlled exercise opportunities to animals

9.1 Give examples of different equipment that would be used for different exercise opportunities Refer to LO2.1. Leads, collars, halters for controlled,

restrained exercise. Toys for un restrained exercise

9.2 State why it is important to ensure the correct equipment is used

Appropriate for use, prevent injury, prevent escape, allow appropriate exercise

9.3 State why it is important to check, clean and maintain equipment in good order for use in controlled exercise opportunities

Maintain biosecurity, prevent injury, prevent transmission of zoonosis, prevent escape, maintain quality of equipment

Learning Outcome 10. Know the relevant health and safety legislation and environment good practice

10.1 Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements- refer to LO5.1

10.2 List factors affecting the safety of the exercise area, where the animal is to be exercised including and others including

- other people – hygiene, maintaining biosecurity, preventing zoonosis and injury
- the handler – as above, equipment enables suitable control and restraint
- the environment – see other people, security of area, prevention of escape
- equipment and material for the animal(s) -security, hygiene, biosecurity, injury, escape
- Refer to LO5.2, LO5.3 and LO5.4

10.3 State the reasons for accurate recording and reporting of the exercise taken and enrichment activities communication between colleagues, owners, monitoring of animals and their exercise requirements, animals response to exercise. To review and monitor the effectiveness of exercise patterns, to enable continuation between colleagues and owners. To highlight needs for changes.

Learning Outcome 11. Know the potential risks to animals and handlers regarding bio security and infection control

11.1 Describe the potential risks to animals, handlers and others regarding

- bio security – reducing risk of disease transmission, quarantine and isolation
- infection - as above, zoonotic risks, use of chemicals and disposal of waste
- disease control – as above

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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	1.1 Keep the area in a state of readiness to receive visitors safely 1.2 Greet and communicate with visitors in an appropriate manner 1.3 Identify and report inappropriate visitors 1.4 Work in a way which promotes health and safety, is consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
2. Be able to care for visitors	2.1 Care for visitors in accordance with their needs and relevant policies 2.2 Refer visitors to the appropriate source of information 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
3. Know how to	3.1 State the preparations required for the arrival of

welcome and receive visitors	<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>
4. Know how to care for visitors	<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
5. Know the relevant health and safety procedures	<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>	

Supporting Unit Information

A/502/1609 Welcome, receive and care for visitors to sites – Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

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LO1 and LO2 are competence based outcomes

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to welcome and receive visitors

- 1.1 Keep the area in a state of readiness to receive visitors safely** ensure the area is clean and well presented. Ensure the area is free from hazards such as trip hazards, wet floors, inadequate lighting, sharp objects, exposed wiring, broken windows. Ensure the entrance is clear and visible.
- 1.2 Greet and communicate with visitors in an appropriate manner** greet visitors promptly. Greet them in a friendly, professional manner. Communicate clearly and politely. Ensure visitors are able to understand. Communicate at their pace.
- 1.3 Identify and report inappropriate visitors** identify by behaviour, body language, age restriction. Check for abusive behaviour physically and verbally. Report inappropriate visitors to all personnel present especially supervisor and security.
- 1.4 Work in a way which promotes health and safety, is consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice** refer to the Protective Equipment Regulations 2002, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 1995, Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, maintain safety of staff and visitors. Complete and review risk assessments.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to care for visitors

- 2.1 Care for visitors in accordance with their needs and relevant policies** ensure you are aware of your visitor's needs. Act promptly and appropriately to ensure that their needs are met. Ensure policies of the organisation are followed accurately. Care for visitors in a professional and polite manner.
- 2.2 Refer visitors to the appropriate source of information** provide visitors with required information. Refer them to appropriate sources to include other personnel/specialists, leaflets, websites and books.
- 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 greet and communicate with visitors clearly, ensure that the visitors expectations are appropriate to the purpose of the site. Follow procedures and protocols. Refer to the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

LO3, LO4 and LO5 are knowledge based outcomes

Learning Outcome 3. Know how to welcome and receive visitors

- 3.1 State the preparations required for the arrival of visitors covering groups and individuals** ensure the site is clean and free of hazards. Ensure you know what visitors you are expecting and group sizes. Ensure that you are aware of your visitor's expectations. Prepare the site for its purpose e.g. equipment, presentations.
- 3.2 Outline the importance of creating a positive first impression and how this is achieved** to give a professional impression. Promotes the business through word of mouth and returning visitors. First impressions can impact visitors overall opinion. First impressions can be created by professional, friendly and prompt greetings. Clear communication, positive body language and smart appearance.
- 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** refer to LO1.3. Ensure safety of self and others. Do not approach visitors that are violent and aggressive. Do not use physical force to remove visitors, seek further assistance e.g. Police or security.
- 3.4 List potential sources of information for visitors covering groups and individuals** refer to LO2.2
- 3.5 Describe effective methods of communicating to groups and individuals** refer to LO1.2. Communication can be written, electronic or verbal. One to one communication or to large groups. Large groups may require speaker system.

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to care for visitors

- 4.1 Outline how to monitor visitors' needs and when to intercept to offer help** monitor via verbal communication, surveys, feedback forms, group discussion, market research. Monitor body language and response of visitors. At first signal that visitors are not satisfied then intercept immediately.
- 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**
- **supporting visitors in terms of their safety and welfare** ensure the area is free from hazards such as wet floors, sharp objects, exposed wiring. Ensure area is disinfected to be kept free from pathogens.
 - **providing information to visitors** ensure up to date information is available. Remove out of date information. Ensure access to a range of information in a variety of forms is available.
 - **caring for the environment (e.g. by restricting access)** ensure adequate waste disposal and recycling facilities are available. Restrict access to areas where visitors could be environmentally damaging.
 - **maintaining the bio-security of the site** ensure the area is cleaned and disinfected regularly to remove and lower numbers of pathogens.
 - **maintaining the welfare of the animals** ensure accommodations are suitable and clean. Ensure there is access to fresh food and water. Provide

area and opportunities for exercise. Provide enrichment and shelter.

Learning Outcome 5. Know the relevant health and safety procedures

5.1 Describe how bio-security and welfare can be maintained on sites open to visitors - clean and disinfect daily and in-between where necessary. Provide hand washing facilities and alcohol hand gels. Provide disinfectant foot baths where necessary. Restrict access where and when necessary.

5.2 Outline organisational policy on health and safety and confidentiality and how this can be maintained - ensure you are familiar with organisation policies. Refer to LO1.4. Follow procedures accurately. Ensure visitor details and information remain confidential and records are kept in secure storage.

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Carry Out Reception Duties

Unit Reference	M/502/1610
Level	2
Credit Value	2
Guided Learning Hours	15
Unit Summary	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills required to carry out reception duties. The unit covers the important skills of welcoming and receiving people, handling enquiries and making appointments. Dealing with members of the public in a polite manner, whilst questioning them to find out what they require
Learning Outcomes (1 to 2) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 2.8) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to attend to clients enquiries and appointments	1.1 Deal with all enquiries politely and appropriately 1.2 Identify the purpose of the enquiry accurately 1.3 Refer enquiries which cannot be dealt with promptly to the relevant person for action 1.4 Record messages and appointment details accurately and pass them to the relevant person at the right time 1.5 Give clear and accurate information to clients and colleagues 1.6 Schedule appointments taking into account the needs of the client and the organisation 1.7 Confirm the availability of services, where necessary with relevant colleagues 1.8 Maintain confidentiality of the organisation and clients 1.9 Work in a way which promotes health and safety, is consistent with relevant legislation and codes of

	practice
2. Know how to attend to clients and their enquiries	<p>2.1 State the importance of communicating effectively</p> <p>2.2 Explain the importance of taking messages, making appointments and passing them on to the right person</p> <p>2.3 Outline the importance of confidentiality and procedures for handling and what may happen if it is broken</p> <p>2.4 State how to ask relevant questions and identify when to refer to senior colleagues</p> <p>2.5 Describe the services available, their duration and cost</p> <p>2.6 Describe the appropriate use of written, verbal (face to face, telephone), non-verbal and electronic methods of communication</p> <p>2.7 Identify the limits of authority when attending to people and enquiries</p> <p>2.8 Describe how to recognise and respond to distressed and agitated clients</p>
Mapping to National Occupational Standards 029NAC7.1,2	

Supporting Unit Information

M/502/1610 Carry out reception duties - Level 2

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LO1 is a competence based outcome

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to attend to clients enquiries and appointments

- 1.1 Deal with all enquiries politely and appropriately** deal with enquiries promptly, approach and deal with people in a professional manner, be friendly yet professional, assist with their enquiry or direct them to someone who can.
- 1.2 Identify the purpose of the enquiry accurately** gain all the relevant information, check information with the client to ensure you have identified the purpose accurately, clearly record the information.
- 1.3 Refer enquiries which cannot be dealt with promptly to the relevant person for action** if enquiry cannot be dealt with directly refer them to an appropriate person who has the necessary knowledge/skills to deal with the enquiry. Either direct client to them, or provide client details to the appropriate person in a prompt manner.
- 1.4 Record messages and appointment details accurately and pass them to the relevant person at the right time** record the messages clearly and accurately. These can be recorded either written or electronically. Ensure all the information is recorded to include client/animal details, contact details, purpose of the enquiry. Ensure information is passed onto the relevant person at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.5 Give clear and accurate information to clients and colleagues** provide information clearly and concisely, ensure all information is passed on accurately and is received and understood.
- 1.6 Schedule appointments taking into account the needs of the client and the organisation** book appointments at appropriate times. Consider the client's needs such as convenience, urgency and also organisation needs such as available appointments, staff availability.
- 1.7 Confirm the availability of services, where necessary with relevant colleagues** confirm service which have been requested/are required. Confirm availability with any colleagues involved in providing the service.
- 1.8 Maintain confidentiality of the organisation and clients** ensure all

details and information of the organisation and clients remain confidential. Keep confidential records locked in a secure location, or filed electronically and password protected.

1.9 Work in a way which promotes health and safety, is consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice refer to the Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 1995, Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, maintain safety of staff and animals, complete and review risk assessments.

LO2 is a knowledge based outcome

Learning Outcome 2. Know how to attend to clients and their enquiries

2.1 State the importance of communicating effectively ensure client needs and enquiries are understood and dealt with appropriately. Ensure the needs of the organisation are understood. To promote good customer service and public relations and therefore have a positive impact on the business.

2.2 Explain the importance of taking messages, making appointments and passing them on to the right person to ensure that messages are dealt with and relayed to the appropriate person, to ensure that appointments are made which consider both the client and organisation needs, messages should be passed to the appropriate person so that enquiries can be dealt with thoroughly and correctly.

2.3 Outline the importance of confidentiality and procedures for handling and what may happen if it is broken to keep trust and confidence from customers, to keep within the legal responsibilities. Break in confidentiality can lead to loss of customers and legal action.

2.4 State how to ask relevant questions and identify when to refer to senior colleagues compose clear, direct questions. Ensure questions asked gain information required to deal with enquiry. Senior should be referred to if enquiry cannot be dealt with directly by you or if confirmation is required.

2.5 Describe the services available, their duration and cost what services are available to the client, products, how long each service takes, costs for each service/product.

2.6 Describe the appropriate use of written, verbal (face to face, telephone), non-verbal and electronic methods of communication select most suitable method of communication for purpose. Written and nonverbal provide a formal and permanent record of communication, verbal can be used for more informal purposes.

2.7 Identify the limits of authority when attending to people and enquiries ensure the information you provide is within your authority/role, recognise when enquiries are out of your limits and refer to the appropriate person.

2.8 Describe how to recognise and respond to distressed and agitated clients recognise through body language and voice i.e. restless, fidgety, twitchy, aggressive, tearful, shouting, crying. Respond in a calm manner, ensure the safety of yourself and those around you. Seek support from senior if necessary. Alert police/security if necessary.

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 1

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 2

Delivery of this learning outcome is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See ABC website for further information

Handle Payments From Clients

Unit Reference	Y/502/1018
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 handle payments from clients</p> <p>It covers taking payments from clients, following the correct processing procedures, checking payment methods and identifying discrepancies. It includes how to deal with invalid payment methods and payment disputes, record keeping and effective communication</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 2) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 2.6) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to handle payments from clients	<p>1.1 Communicate with the client in a courteous manner</p> <p>1.2 Give details of the appropriate costs to the client, differentiating between actual and estimated costs</p> <p>1.3 Establish the client's method of payment and check payments are correct</p> <p>1.4 Complete relevant documents appropriately, give the correct change and issue receipts as required</p> <p>1.5 Identify and report discrepancies which cannot be resolved promptly to the relevant person</p> <p>1.6 Manage cash point appropriately and maintain security procedures at all times</p>
2. Know how to handle payments from clients correctly	<p>2.1 State what may happen if they fail to follow payment procedures</p> <p>2.2 Outline why it is important to communicate effectively with clients</p>

	<p>2.3 Describe possible methods of payment and identify which are acceptable within the organisation covering all of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash and cash equivalents • cheque • payment cards <p>2.4 Describe the procedures for processing payments and state what constitutes an invalid payment covering all the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • invalid currency • invalid card • suspected fraudulent use of payment card • payment disputes <p>2.5 State the procedures to be followed when fraudulent payment is suspected</p> <p>2.6 Identify the limits of authority for dealing with discrepancies</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards 029NAC7.3</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

Y/502/1018 Handle payments from clients - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

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LO1 is a competence based outcome

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to handle payments from clients

1.1 Communicate with the client in a courteous manner approach the client promptly, politely and professionally. Be friendly and clear with your communication. Consider tone of voice, choice of language and body language.

1.2 Give details of the appropriate costs to the client, differentiating between actual and estimated costs inform the customers of the costs or relevant products and services, ensure the clients are aware if these costs are estimated and therefore may vary from end costs, or are actual costs. Consider inclusion of VAT. Ensure client is aware of cost of each item.

1.3 Establish the client's method of payment and check payments are correct enquire with client how they wish to pay, i.e. cash, cheque, credit/debit card, standing order. Ensure the correct amount is being paid, method chosen is accepted by the organisation, and all relevant details are taken.

1.4 Complete relevant documents appropriately, give the correct change and issue receipts as required ensure relevant documents are thoroughly completed i.e. client records, client accounts, organisation payment records (takings). Ensure correct change is given and that this is confirmed and checked by the client. Enquire as to whether a receipt is required and issue when required.

1.5 Identify and report discrepancies which cannot be resolved promptly to the relevant person check records with payments taken. Any discrepancies in takings or accounts if cannot be immediately resolved must be reported to the supervisor.

1.6 Manage cash point appropriately and maintain security procedures at all times ensure cash point is secure at all times. Ensure cash point balances and is checked regularly throughout the day. Record discrepancies and deal with immediately. Ensure cash point is either manned or locked away in a secure location.

LO2 is a knowledge based outcome

Learning Outcome 2. Know how to handle payments from clients correctly

2.1 State what may happen if they fail to follow payment procedures

organisation may cease to provide client with services, repayment schedules may need to be organised, account may be referred to debt collection services.

2.2 Outline why it is important to communicate effectively with clients

ensure client needs and enquiries are understood and dealt with appropriately. Ensure the needs of the organisation are understood. To promote good customer service and public relations and therefore have a positive impact on the business.

2.3 Describe possible methods of payment and identify which are acceptable within the organisation covering all of the following

- **cash and cash equivalents** cash and vouchers
- **cheque** personal cheques and business cheques
- **payment cards** credit cards, debit cards, store cards

2.4 Describe the procedures for processing payments and state what constitutes an invalid payment covering all the following

- **invalid currency** currency no longer in circulation, foreign currency
- **invalid card** card type not accepted, card out of date, card declined
- **suspected fraudulent use of payment card** signature doesn't match, pin number incorrect
- **payment disputes** disagreements on services provided, disputes over costs, disputes over outstanding balances.

Payments should be processed immediately and accounts updated.

2.5 State the procedures to be followed when fraudulent payment is suspected retain payment card, notify supervisor, notify the card issuer/police.

2.6 Identify the limits of authority for dealing with discrepancies identify whether disputes are within your authority/limits set by organisation. Any issues out of your authority must be immediately report to a senior/supervisor.

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 1

Delivery of this learning outcome could be by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks involved in handling and working animals, and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 2

Delivery of this learning outcome is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

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METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

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Centres will need to devise assessment tasks which will be practical animal care centre, wildlife centre, on farm/estate, or zoo based where possible. **Simulation is not acceptable for this unit**

Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

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EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>
3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage	<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>
4. Know how to prepare and groom animals	<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</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>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 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>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NAC9</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

L/502/1694 Prepare and groom animals – Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

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Note 3: For the purpose of this indicative content a canine will be discussed, however this should be adapted to apply to a range of species.

LO1, LO2 and LO3 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to assess the animal prior to grooming

- 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** appropriate equipment gathered, free from debris, disinfected, check equipment and area for hazards, ensure equipment is functional
- 1.2 Handle animals in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and health and safety of all throughout** approach calmly, handle gently, reassure dog, restrain securely using an appropriate technique, minimise stress use restraint aid where necessary e.g. muzzle
- 1.3 Report promptly to the appropriate person when examination of the animal reveals an abnormal condition** report to supervisor, report to owner, report verbally and also keep written records

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to prepare and groom animals

- 2.1 Select and use equipment and materials which is appropriate to the animal and its care requirements** suitable for species and breed.
Appropriate to grooming requirements
- 2.2 Prepare the animal ready for grooming using the correct techniques and equipment. Preparation to include**
 - remove excess hair, knots and tangles
 - clean the animal's coat and skin
 - remove dirt and debris from feetloosen dead hair, trim, clip, dematt, bathe, clippers, scissors, dematting combs, baths, shampoo, drying facilities
- 2.3 Groom the animal using the correct methods** suitable to breed, species, coat type. Select equipment, loosen dead hair comb, brush, finish
- 2.4 Observe the condition of the animal during the process and report any**

changes to the appropriate person monitor stress, monitor health and injuries, report to senior member of staff and owner

2.5 Communicate with others on the animal's care requirements verbal, written and electronic. Clear, concise and prompt. Communicate on procedure, condition and further care

2.6 Keep accurate records on the techniques and materials used to care for the animal clear, current and concise records

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

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 Health & Safety at Work Act, Animal Welfare Act, COSHH, maintain safety of staff and animals, RIDDOR

3.2 Carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage COSHH, dispose of waste and chemicals in the correct manner

3.3 Dispose of waste safely and correctly dispose of waste materials following correct procedures, clinical waste, domestic waste, industrial waste

LO4, LO5, LO6 and LO7 are the key areas of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to prepare and groom animals

4.1 State why it is important to approach and handle animals in a manner that promotes their confidence, co-operation, health and safety prevent stress, prevent injury to dog and self, enable procedure to be performed

4.2 Describe how the type of animal affects the method of preparing for grooming and the equipment that should be used select appropriate equipment for species

4.3 Describe how to prepare animals for grooming covering all of the following methods

- remove excess hair, knots and tangles
- clean the animal's coat and skin
- remove dirt and debris from feet

loosen dead hair, trim, clip, dematt, bathe, clippers, scissors, dematting combs, baths, shampoo, drying facilities

4.4 Describe different methods used for grooming the animals handle and control animal correctly, check for matts/knots, select appropriate equipment, choose method suitable to species

4.5 State why particular care is required when working on specific areas of the animal sensitive, delicate tissue, prevention of injury

4.6 List the steps that should be taken in the event of accidentally damaging the animal assess the condition of the animal, assess the injury, arrest any bleeding, apply dressing, seek veterinary attention, follow first aid procedures

4.7 State why it is important to communicate the animal's care requirements ensure complete and appropriate aftercare

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 can suggest possible abnormalities and conditions but cannot diagnose, can administer basic first aid but not treatment. Seek veterinary advice if abnormalities suspected

4.9 State why it is important to keep accurate records of the care

provided to the animal legislation, business records, follow on procedures and care

Learning Outcome 5. Know how to assess the animal prior to grooming

- 5.1 Describe the normal signs of health and the signs indicating that the animal should be referred to a veterinary surgeon** check head to tail, include eyes, ears, mouth, skin and coat, legs, paws, nails, anus, genital area, check for discharges, lumps, signs of parasites, wounds. Refer abnormalities to a vets
- 5.2 Describe basic animal anatomy and physiology sufficient to identify abnormalities** skin, coat, eyes, ears, skeleton
- 5.3 Explain the signs and symptoms of basic skin problems and infestations** reddened skin, dry/flaky skin, excess scale/dandruff, hair loss, greasy coat, visible parasites, flea dirt, irritation, itching

Learning Outcome 6. Know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

- 6.1 Outline the current health and safety animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements** Animal Welfare Act, Health and Safety at Work Act, COSHH
- 6.2 Describe how environmental damage can be minimised** dispose of waste correctly, safe disposal of chemicals, follow current legislation
- 6.3 Describe the correct methods for disposing of waste** describe categories of waste and their disposal to include clinical, domestic and industrial

Learning Outcome 7. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them

- 7.1 Describe the equipment and materials which will be required for the activity** dependant on species, appropriate scissors, clippers, combs, brushes, drying equipment and restraint aids
- 7.2 Describe methods of maintaining the range of equipment used** check working order, clean and remove of debris, disinfect, follow manufacturers guidelines
- 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** maintains working order of equipment and possible warranty/guarantee, follow instructions accurately and at recommended intervals, possible consequences are equipment failure, injury to animal and users

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 1, 2 and 3

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observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 4, 5, 6 and 7

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

- Dog Grooming (Everything You Need to Know About...) Sandy Blackburn
- All-breed Dog Grooming Denise Dobish, Gay M Ernst, Susan Gutman, Sandy King
- Veterinary Nursing D.R. Lane & B.Cooper

See ABC website for further information

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</p>

	in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines and organisational policy
7. Understand how to dry dogs and prepare their coats for styling	<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 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>

<p>8. Understand the reasons for maintaining equipment</p>	<p>8.1 Explain the importance and methods of maintaining equipment for use</p>
<p>9. Understand relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice</p>	<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>	

Supporting Unit Information

K/502/1704 Dry dogs and prepare their coats for styling – Level 3

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

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Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive

LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4, LO5 and LO6 are the key areas of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Dry dogs and prepare their coats for styling

- 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** free from debris, disinfected, equipment in working order, appropriate equipment selected, environment escape proof and free from hazards
- 1.2 Use correct techniques to prepare the dogs for the following styles for drying clipped, scissored, parted, natural** demonstrate correct procedures suitable to style
- 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 cabinet, blaster, blow dryer** advantages and disadvantages to methods, suitable for temperament, understand correct use
- 1.4 Handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout** approach calmly, handle gently, reassure dog, restrain securely using an appropriate technique, minimise stress use restraint aid where necessary e.g. muzzle
- 1.5 Identify any abnormal conditions during drying and seek advice from the appropriate person** – hair loss, excess scale/dandruff, lesions/wounds, signs of parasites, reddened skin/irritation, skin conditions report to supervisor, seek veterinary advice
- 1.6 Establish the correct drying temperature and velocity and monitor these regularly during the drying process** constant temperature, high velocity to force water out of coat, prevent burning, monitor to ensure constants maintained, burns and injury are not occurring, monitor animals response to procedure
- 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** signs of stress, panting, anxiety, aggression, moving away from source, vocalisation, reddening of skin, heating of skin, remove source and monitor animal

- 1.8 Brush the coat during drying to achieve the correct finish appropriate to the style that is to be achieved** use correct equipment suitable to coat type and style e.g. damp cloth, hound glove, smooth's coat, applies shine
- 1.9 Check the coat to confirm that it is completely dry and free from tangles and knots** examine coat thoroughly moving from head to tail, use hands and grooming equipment to check for tangles
- 1.10 Remove debris and excess hair from the ear canal, where appropriate, in a manner that minimises distress to the dog** clean ears, apply small amounts of powder, pluck small amounts of hair, use trimming scissors to remove excess, handle gently and calmly

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to clip nails

- 2.1 Cut nails accurately at the correct point using the correct equipment, where appropriate** clippers suitable for size and thickness of claw, cotton wool, silver nitrate pencil, restrain dog, expose nail, clip below quick at an angle, apply slight pressure prior to clipping monitoring dogs response

Learning Outcome 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** safe, secure holding area

Learning Outcome 4. Be able to communicate with clients and colleagues

- 4.1 Communicate with clients and colleagues to discuss the animal's care requirements** communicate verbally, written and electronically. Discuss procedure and appropriate aftercare

Learning Outcome 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** removal of debris, disinfected, checked to be in suitable working order, check for damage, maintain following manufacturers guidelines

Learning Outcome 6. Be able to promote health and safety and environmental good practice

- 6.1 Work in a way which promotes health and safety, is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements** Health & Safety at Work Act, Animal Welfare Act ,COSHH, maintain safety of staff and animals, Animal Health Act
- 6.2 Ensure work is carried out in a manner which minimises environmental damage** COSHH, dispose of waste and chemicals in the correct manner
- 6.3 Manage and dispose of waste in accordance with legislative requirements and codes of practice** dispose of waste materials following correct procedures, clinical waste, domestic waste, industrial waste
- 6.4 Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes** animal details, animal condition, procedure performed, animal response, aftercare required
- 6.5 Conduct a risk assessment to identify any risks to themselves or the animal** identify activities, hazards, severity, likelihood, existing and recommended control measures
- 6.6 Use the correct protective equipment and clothing in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines and organisational policy** gloves, gowns, masks, shoe covers

LO7, LO8 and LO9 are the key areas of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 7. Understand how to dry dogs and prepare their coats for styling

- 7.1 Explain why it is important to approach and handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation** prevent stress, prevent injury to dog and self, enable procedure to be performed
- 7.2 Explain how coat type and the condition of the coat and skin affect the drying techniques and equipment that can be used, wool, wire, silk, double, smooth** equipment available, suitable to coat type, assess skin/coat condition and select appropriate drying methods to prevent worsening or irritation
- 7.3 Explain how the style that is to be achieved affects the selection of drying techniques and equipment, clipped, scissored, parted, natural** suitable to style, allows style to be achieved
- 7.4 Describe the different types of drying equipment available, their purposes and to which dog and coat types they are most suited, cabinet, blaster, blow dryer** advantages/disadvantages, suitability to coat type, breed and temperament
- 7.5 Explain how drying technique, equipment and brushing during drying affect the finish** fluffing, finishing, styling
- 7.6 State the correct temperature and velocity of drying equipment, how to adjust them and the potential dangers of incorrect setting** constant temperature, high velocity to force water out of coat, burns, skin damage, skin irritation, stress, monitor to ensure constants maintained, burns and injury are not occurring, monitor animal's response to procedure
- 7.7 Describe the signs of distress in dogs and the action that should be taken when these are observed** panting, salivation, aggression, vocalisation, hiding away, pacing, shaking, defaecation, stop procedure, calm and reassure dog, monitor
- 7.8 Explain how to identify when coats are completely dry and the potential consequences of not drying a dog properly** use hands and grooming equipment to assess, poor result to styling, hypothermia, skin irritation
- 7.9 Explain what heat stress and brush burn are, their signs, causes and how to prevent them happening** heat stress is an elevated body temperature due to too much absorption of heat, temperature and humidity above tolerable levels, lack of monitoring in drying cabinets, incorrect use of drying equipment, lack of ventilation, signs include panting, fixed stares, not responsive, thick salivation, red tongues, collapse, vomiting, diarrhoea, coma, raised rectal temperature. Remove heat source, cool the dog with damp towels, ice packs, cool water, provide fluids, and seek veterinary attention. Brush burns are caused by friction, incorrect use of brushes applying too much pressure, causes irritation and reddened skin. Seek veterinary attention
- 7.10 Explain how to identify abnormal conditions of the coat and skin, why it is important to do so** hair loss, excess scale/dandruff, reddened skin, irritation, itching, and signs of parasites, excess grease, lumps and lesions. Identify to seek appropriate care and prevent worsening. May affect continuation of procedure.

Learning Outcome 8. Understand the reasons for maintaining equipment

- 8.1 Explain the importance and methods of maintaining equipment for use** to ensure equipment is in safe, working order, to prolong life of the equipment, follow manufacturers guidelines, keep clean and disinfected

Learning Outcome 9. Understand relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

- 9.1 Summarise current health and safety, animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements** Animal Welfare Act, Health & Safety at Work Act, COSHH
- 9.2 Describe the possible environmental damage that could occur and how to respond appropriately** incorrect waste disposal, water pollution, following current legislation and procedures
- 9.3 Explain the correct and appropriate methods for disposing of waste** clinical, industrial and domestic waste
- 9.4 Explain the records required for management and legislative purposes and the importance of maintaining them** detailed animal records, records of procedures, keep records current and up to date, allows communication, legal purposes
- 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** slips, electrocution, trips, sprains, back injuries, dog bites/scratches, zoonosis. Perform thorough risk assessments

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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

Learning Outcomes (LO) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Delivery of these learning outcomes could be by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 7, 8 and 9

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of operational work and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence.

It is important that practical assessment activities are supervised appropriately

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria.

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Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

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EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Evidence presented to support achievement is not prescribed for each learning outcome. It **could** typically include

- Product evidence
- Observation reports
- Oral/written questions and answers
- Reports/notes
- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Pictorial identifications
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

This is not an exhaustive list and learners should be encouraged to develop the most appropriate evidence to demonstrate their achievement of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

All evidence must be clearly signposted and made available for the external moderator upon request.

All internal assessments must be accompanied by a signed Declaration of Authenticity (this document is available on the ABC web site).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

- Dog Grooming (Everything You Need to Know About...) Sandy Blackburn
- All-breed Dog Grooming Denise Dobish, Gay M Ernst, Susan Gutman, Sandy

King

- Veterinary Nursing D.R. Lane & B.Cooper

See ABC website for further information

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	

Supporting Unit Information

Y/502/1195 Communicate information within the workplace – Level 3

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

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LO1 and LO2 are the key areas of competence for this unit

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to receive information within the workplace

1.1 Identify information required, timescales and source e.g. administrative

- dates of meetings; financial - budget, income, expenditure; policy - data protection, use of company computers to access internet; procedure - complaints procedure; process - stock rotation; product or service details; staff - roles and responsibilities, technical - nutrient / temperature / packaging requirements, legislative - health & safety, copyright, environmental / waste.

Preferred method of provision identified e.g. demonstration, verbal, written; paperwork or computer system of provision. Preferred presentation of information e.g. reports, spreadsheets, diagrams, pictures, photographs, specifications, product leaflets.

Timescales e.g. information received in time to prepare for meetings, to correctly care for product or provide service, to meet deadlines, project management stages, customer service response targets, to avoid transgressing legislative requirements or putting people's health and safety at risk. Speed of transfer e.g. postal / telephone / fax / texting / email / permanently available on organisation intranet.

Source: Internal to organisation e.g. policies / procedures / processes, products or services to be provided. External to organisation e.g. technical / legislative, products or services to be purchased.

1.2 Request information using appropriate methods Purpose of the information e.g. accurately identify why the information is needed and how it will be used, what facts are needed and at what level of detail. Methods of requesting information e.g. memo's, requisitions, formal letter, email, telephone, ask somebody who knows. Appropriate: Construction of request e.g. purpose of request, keep it simple, brief and accurately identify what information is needed and reason / incentive for sending it - refer to LO1.1 for preferred method of provision, preferred presentation of information to be

requested and timescales. According to organisation guidelines / procedures e.g. forms or letter templates to use, protocols for constructing and signing off emails

1.3 Receive and record information accurately according to organisational requirements System of receipt e.g. date stamp, acknowledgement, logging and prioritisation systems. Holding system prior to use / action e.g. in-tray for paperwork, period folders for emails, related / project management folders, daily log of phone calls and conversations. Categorisation of information received e.g. urgent, important, part of audit trail, nice to do, file in recycle bin. Recorded accurately according to organisational requirements e.g. in diary, job sheet, day file, report, upgraded specifications, spreadsheet. Records clear, legible, brief and accurate and held to meet organisational requirements

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to transmit information within the workplace

2.1 Transmit information accurately and timely and using appropriate methods e.g. correct information transmitted, purpose identified, key / important / background information separated / headed, succinct, clear, blocks easily digestible / to assist concentration, clear use of language free of acronyms / complicated sentences and unnecessary information. Physical aspects e.g. all pages present / numbered, writing legible, copy readable, flipcharts or slides big enough to read, no obstructions to view, speaking voice loud enough for people to hear

Timely e.g. to fulfil a customer order each person / group of people in the process must receive the details they need to complete the order at the time specified by the customer - this involves communication in time to allow staff responsible for ordering raw materials, production, administration etc to carry out their function within the overall timescale and with sufficient time to do the task to the specified standard, allow for delays / absences, minimise mistakes and stressful working conditions. Appropriate methods e.g. appropriate to conditions of working / use of information, outdoors - verbal / laminated, indoors - procedures / IT, noisy environment - posters / written, timescale - refer to LO1.1, amount of information to be transmitted - text / fax / email, whether information is needed in pictorial / diagrammatic / written / verbal form, number of people information is transmitted to - memo / email circulation list. Check whether there are any impediments to people receiving messages e.g. reading or hearing difficulties. Follow organisation procedures/guidelines for correct method of transmission at each stage

2.2 Confirm receipt of information Receipt of information confirmed e.g. written / verbal / email acknowledgement requested, receipt checked by questions, requests for confirmation of points / actions, clarification. Follow organisation procedures/guidelines for receipt relating to key process stages

LO3 and LO4 are the key areas of knowledge for this unit

Learning Outcome 3. Understand how to receive and transmit information within the workplace

3.1 Give examples of when information may be required urgently e.g. administrative - date of training day changed; financial - budget being exceeded; policy - update to prevent discriminatory practices; procedure - complaint from key customer; process - stock shortfall or spoilage; product

or service details - pest control products / services to control an infestation;
staff roles and responsibilities - staff overload and process breaking down;
technical - to mend broken down machinery, legislative - e.g. check staff appropriately competent to use machinery

3.2 Explain why it is important to take messages accurately and the potential effects of not doing so e.g. organisation's / department's / person's reputation, trust and confidence are at stake, efficiency and effectiveness depend on accurate information. Potential effects of not taking messages accurately: Efficiency reduced e.g. unnecessary work caused, time wasted during clarification. Effectiveness reduced e.g. an inaccurately taken message may cause confusion, delivery of the wrong product or service, failure to identify the true cause of a problem.

3.3 Explain the importance of confirming information and why this should be acknowledged and accurately recorded e.g. to check correct understanding and clarify before work starts and costs are incurred, to confirm that the required actions will be taken / issues addressed / products or services delivered. Acknowledgement e.g. to let the sender know that the information has been received, to foster two way communication, encourage buy in / ownership of information. Accurately recorded e.g. in case of any dispute about the content of the information or the timeliness of actions taken, information types that form part of evidence of compliance with legislative / quality assurance requirements

3.4 Explain the situations in which confidentiality needs to be maintained e.g. protection of individuals personal, financial, medical, religious, racial, sexual, employment details, development of new products / services / systems of operation that give competitive edge or have commercial value, sensitive aspects of organisational strategy, finance, staff recruitment, security information - CCTV / internet usage monitoring, pest infestations, handling of complaints or appeals

Learning Outcome 4. Understand the relevant legislation in receiving and sending information

4.1 Summarise the legislation which relates to communicating information within the workplace Legislation which relates to communicating information within the workplace e.g. Health and Safety at Work Act, Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations, Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations, Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations as amended
Data Protection Act, Copyright, Designs and Patents Act
Various acts relating to discrimination e.g. Disability Discrimination Act, Race Relations Act, Sex Discrimination Act
Briefly summarise the key points of each item of legislation considered - for example: The Data Protection Act applies to all businesses that keep information or personal data about identifiable people. It sets out a number of key data protection principles such as to process only as much information as needed, to keep individuals properly informed about what their information will be used for, to ensure that it is kept accurate and up to date, to hold it securely, to delete information as soon as there is no reason to keep it and to observe the rights of an individual. Businesses may be required to notify that they hold and use personal information

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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

Learning Outcomes 1 and 2

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by assessment of competence for those who have experience in this area of work or by supervised communication activities to give learners the opportunity to practice the various tasks involved and develop competence in each assessment criteria. Many of the communication methods and types of presentation referred to in the indicative content will readily contribute to the assessment of competence using diverse evidence.

Communication is an important aspect of level 3 units and opportunities to observe competent performance of communication tasks will arise during the observation of aspects of competence in other units. Recording and cross referencing such observations will provide a cost effective way of gathering evidence of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcomes 3 and 4

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence. This could be linked to the practical work by cross referencing to the diverse evidence generated by the practical activities e.g. by learners reviewing communications sent or received and providing written notes / comments about how assessment criteria aspects such as presentation, clarity, accuracy etc were effective or could be improved, by answering oral or written questions, by assignments or internet research. Direct observation and questioning may also be appropriate in some situations.

It is important that practical assessment activities are supervised appropriately.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria.

The assessment of some knowledge and understanding may take place in a non work based environment e.g. training centre, however it must link directly to workplace performance and include performance evidence.

All learners must complete a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Centres will need to devise assessment tasks which should be practical where possible e.g. Learning Outcomes 1 and 2 link together and competence can be assessed practically by generation of diverse evidence or observation if appropriate. These could also link to Learning Outcomes 3 and 4 to allow

knowledge evidence to be gathered during the practical activities

Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

ABC expects that staff will be appropriately qualified to assess learners against the outcomes and criteria within the units. Generally teaching staff should be qualified and/or vocationally experienced to at least a level above that which they are teaching.

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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- Product evidence
- Observation reports
- Oral/written questions and answers
- Reports/notes/diaries/reflective accounts
- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment
- Tool / equipment inventory and safety checklists / maintenance schedules
- Reviews/staff appraisals/minutes of meetings
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

- The Health and Safety Executive website <http://www.hse.gov.uk/> has useful information about identifying what health and safety legislation applies to areas of work and lists of Acts, Statutory instruments and legal publications
- The Office of Public Information website <http://www.opsi.gov.uk> has year by year lists of UK Acts and Statutory Instruments

See ABC website for further information

Maintain and Store Records Within the Workplace

Unit Reference	D/502/1196
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 maintain and store records within the workplace. This will involve record keeping, filing and maintaining any necessary confidential information
Learning Outcomes (1 to 2) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 2.7) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Be able to maintain and store records within the workplace	1.1 Identify records and check that they are suitable to their intended purpose 1.2 Make entries into records that are accurate and complete 1.3 Transfer records where appropriate and accurately record information as necessary 1.4 Store confidential records in a safe location in accordance with organisational and legislative requirements 1.5 Re-file records correctly after use, where applicable 1.6 Where necessary take the appropriate action to resolve any errors or mistakes which are discovered in the records
2. Understand how to maintain and store records within the workplace	2.1 Explain the different types of records and systems used for record keeping within the industry 2.2 Explain the responsibility in maintaining, handling and storing records under current legislation 2.3 Explain the records which are confidential or

	<p>commercially sensitive and how to deal with these</p> <p>2.4 Outline the correct method and language in which records must be completed within the industry</p> <p>2.5 Explain the importance of accurate record keeping for production purposes and organisational effectiveness</p> <p>2.6 Explain the procedures for transferring records</p> <p>2.7 Explain the types of problems which may occur during the maintenance of records and how these should be resolved</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards O29NCU7.2</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

D/502/1196 Maintain and store records within the workplace – Level 3

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

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Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means exclusive.

LO1 is the key area of competence for this unit.

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to maintain and store records in the workplace

- 1.1 Identify records and check that they are suitable to their intended purpose** Personnel records including medical details, stock and sales records, accounting records, vehicle and machinery records, details of specific contracts and work undertaken and may include specific risk assessments for sites, activities or individuals at risk in certain areas. Records can be paper based and/or electronic stored under lock and key or with computer passwords so access is restricted only to authorised staff. Personnel records only to be accessed by designated personnel manager and financial accounts only to be accessed by the finance department and specific managers while stock records of plants can be accessed by any full-time employees putting together orders for customers.
- 1.2 Make entries into records that are accurate and complete** Records must be effective, accurate and safe with entries being factual and consecutive in chronological order and must not include any abbreviations, jargon, meaningless phrases, irrelevant speculation or offensive, subjective statements. Records to be completed as soon as possible after an event to which they relate and must be accurate and up to date with signatures and dates to identify who completed the records especially for stock records and production so that supplies do not run out. An audit trail to be fully in place for all records.
- 1.3 Transfer records where appropriate and accurately record information as necessary** Records to be transferred only by authorised staff to a safe location, never to be left unattended or in an unlocked location. The date of transfer between authorised staff to be recorded, signed and dated by the relevant parties involved. Personnel records only to be transferred by designated personnel manager and financial accounts only to be moved by the finance department while stock records of plants can be transferred and

altered by any full-time employees as orders for customers and stock changes on a daily basis.

- 1.4 Store confidential records in a safe location in accordance with organisational and legislative requirements** Staff records to be kept under lock and key in the Human Resources department or with the relevant appointed manager or staff members as laid out in organisational company procedures that must strictly adhere to the Data Protection Act 1998. Computer records to be backed up so data cannot be lost. Accounts and commercially sensitive information only to be available to managers and accountants.
- 1.5 Re-file records correctly after use, where applicable** Records obtained for information purposes must be read within the labelled file and the file to then be closed up securely and the record returned to the original correct secure location. Computer records to be backed up so data cannot be lost.
- 1.6 Where necessary take the appropriate action to resolve any errors or mistakes which are discovered in the records** Records to be examined carefully to determine who entered the errors and when this occurred and then all relevant staff are to be consulted so that the records can be amended accurately and brought up to date. Examples of errors to include decimal point in the wrong place on accounts and plants that have been moved from one location to the next have not been deleted from the original location so stock figures show more than is physically available. Financial accounts need to balance and these are checked by a second person before being presented to auditors. A stock take for plants can be physically done by counting up the number of plants in a location and checking the figures on the computer system by location.

LO2 is the key area of Knowledge for this unit.

Learning Outcome 2. Understand how to maintain and store records within the workplace

- 2.1 Explain the different types of records and systems used for record keeping within the industry** See LO1.1 for details.
- 2.2 Explain the responsibility in maintaining, handling and storing records under current legislation** See LO1.2, LO1.3 and LO1.4 for detail
- 2.3 Explain the records which are confidential or commercially sensitive and how to deal with these** See LO1.4 for details.
- 2.4 Outline the correct method and language in which records must be completed within the industry** See LO1.2 for details.
- 2.5 Explain the importance of accurate record keeping for production purposes and organisational effectiveness** See LO1.2 for details.
- 2.6 Explain the procedures for transferring records** See LO1.3 for details.
- 2.7 Explain the types of problems which may occur during the maintenance of records and how these should be resolved** See LO1.6 for details.

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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considered and appropriate support mechanisms put in place.

Learning Outcome 1

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by assessment of competence for those who have experience in this area of work or by supervised practical record keeping giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks involved and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria. Prior to, during and after completion of record keeping, photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcome 2

Delivery of these learning outcomes is by generation of knowledge evidence which could be linked to the practical work e.g. by observation of record keeping and witness testimony, answering oral or written questions, assignments or internet research cross referenced to the knowledge evidence

Learners who have not yet completed the necessary training or certification to use machinery, equipment and materials must be supervised by a suitably qualified person.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria. The assessment of some knowledge and understanding may take place in a non work based environment e.g. training centre, however it must link directly to workplace performance and include performance evidence.

All learners must complete a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria. Centres will need to devise assessment tasks which should be practical where possible e.g. Learning Outcome 1 is competence based and can be assessed practically by observation or by generation of diverse evidence. This could also link to Learning Outcome 2 to allow knowledge evidence to be gathered during the practical activities.

Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

ABC expects that staff will be appropriately qualified to assess learners against the outcomes and criteria within the units. Generally teaching staff should be qualified and/or vocationally experienced to at least a level above that which they are teaching.

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Evidence presented to support achievement is not prescribed for each learning outcome. It **could** typically include some of the following

- Product evidence
- Observation reports
- Oral/written questions and answers

- Reports/notes/diaries/reflective accounts
- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment
- Tool / equipment inventory and safety checklists / maintenance schedules
- Pictorial identifications
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

This is not an exhaustive list and learners should be encouraged to develop the most appropriate evidence to demonstrate their achievement of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Useful sources of reference

- The Health and Safety Executive website <http://www.hse.gov.uk/> has useful information about identifying what health and safety legislation applies to areas of work and lists of Acts, Statutory instruments and legal publications
- The Office of Public Information website <http://www.opsi.gov.uk> has year by year lists of UK Acts and Statutory Instruments
- The Information Commissioners Office has a Data Protection Act 1998 Website www.ico.gov.uk/what_we_cover/data_protection.aspx giving useful information on the rights, responsibilities and obligations to data protection.

See ABC website for further information

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

Supporting Unit Information

K/502/1492 Load and unload animals for transportation - Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

To successfully achieve this unit, learners need to provide evidence that they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the unit.

Indicative content is offered as guidance to aid delivery of the unit and to set the learning outcomes and assessment criteria in context.

Note 1: Cross references are first to the Learning Outcome (LO) e.g. LO1 and then to the Assessment Criteria number listed e.g. LO1.3

Note 2: Examples are indicative of the range of considerations for assessment criteria but are by no means all inclusive

Note 3: For the purpose of this indicative content a canine will be discussed, however this should be adapted to apply to a range of species.

LO1, LO2 and LO3 are competence based outcomes

Learning Outcome 1. Be able to prepare animals and transport

- 1.1 Communicate effectively with colleagues** communicate verbally and written. Ensure communication is clear and accurate. Allow communication between all personnel involved in the transportation. Communication must be clear, concise and timely.
- 1.2 Prepare the correct animals as instructed** follow verbal and written instruction to ensure that the correct animals have been selected, confirm with supervisor. Provide the animal with food, water and rest prior to the journey. Examine the animal to ensure it is fit to travel making sure it is free from injury or disease, is mentally healthy, and is not very young or geriatric.
- 1.3 Prepare and make safe the appropriate transportation equipment covering**
 - **cleanliness** ensure the accommodation, restraint equipment, and any other relevant equipment is cleaned and disinfected using appropriate chemicals prior to travel.
 - **health and safety** ensure equipment is suitable for purpose, clean and safe and doesn't pose any hazards to personnel. Perform a thorough risk assessment.
 - **security** ensure the transport accommodation is secure and prevents escape of the animal.
 - **removal of hazards** check for hazards such as sharp edges, broken hinges, broken glass, chemicals, wet surfaces, exposed wiring. Identify hazards and act accordingly to remove the hazards. Report identified hazards to supervisor.

Learning Outcome 2. Be able to load and unload animals for transportation

2.1 Load and unload the animals as required follow instructions accurately. Load and unload as per instruction. Ensure the animal is loaded/unloaded in the correct manner ensuring the animal is kept free from stress and injury. The animal is kept secure. The handler is protected from injury. Use suitable restraint equipment such as leads, collars, lead reins, head collars and haltis. Monitor the animal before, during and after loading. Allow animal to load and unload at its own pace.

Learning Outcome 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 refer to the Animal Welfare Act 2006, Pet Animals Act 1951, Five Freedoms, Animal Welfare Transport Legislation 2007 Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 1995, Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, maintain safety of staff and animals. Complete and review risk assessments.

LO4, LO5 and LO6 are knowledge based outcomes

Learning Outcome 4. Know how to prepare animals and transport

4.1 Outline how to communicate effectively with colleagues refer to LO1.1

4.2 Outline how to make the transportation method ready for animals including: cleanliness, health and safety, security and removal of hazards refer to LO1.3

Learning Outcome 5. Know how to load and unload animals for transport

5.1 Describe how to prepare, load and unload animals safely and effectively minimising stress to the animal refer to LO1.2 and 2.1

5.2 Describe how to approach, handle and restrain animals correctly minimising stress approach in a calm, confident manner. Handle using an appropriate method which is firm yet gentle. Use appropriate restraint equipment such as leads, collars, head collars, haltis, lead reins. Monitor the animal during and after for signs of stress.

5.3 State the types of problems which should be reported, when and to whom all problems should be reported immediately or as soon as it is safe to do so. Report to supervisor/owner/carer/veterinary staff. Problems may include injury, disease, stress, escape, animal deemed unsuitable to travel.

Learning Outcome 6. Know the relevant legislation and codes of practice

6.1 Summarise the relevant legislation and codes of practice relating to health and safety and maintaining the welfare of animals refer to LO3.1

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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Learning Outcomes (LO) 1, 2 and 3

Delivery of these learning outcomes could be by supervised practical operational work giving learners the opportunity, first to practice the various tasks and then to be observed correctly doing each task to demonstrate achievement of the assessment criteria.

Prior to, during and after completion of practical operational work photographs or video could be taken to provide evidence of progress.

Learning Outcomes (LO) 4, 5 and 6

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METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

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Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

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EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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- Reports/notes
- Worksheets/job sheets/workbooks
- Witness statements
- Taped evidence (video or audio)
- Photographic evidence
- Case studies/assignments/projects
- Interview/professional discussion
- Site risk assessment
- Tool / equipment inventory lists / maintenance schedules

- Pictorial identifications
- Letters / emails seeking clarification / confirmation of understanding
- Internet research / copies of items with relevant knowledge highlighted

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Receive Goods and Materials into Storage in a Retail Environment

Unit Reference	R/503/5659
Level	2
Credit Value	4
Guided Learning Hours	22
Unit Summary	<p>This unit assesses the occupational competence of individuals who are responsible for receiving deliveries of goods and materials in a retail environment</p> <p>This unit requires workplace assessment of occupational competence</p> <p>The Retail Sector's Assessment Principles are available on Skillsmart Retail's web site (www.skillsmartretail.com)</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 4) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 4.6) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Understand the importance of preparing for expected deliveries	<p>1.1 Explain why it is necessary to prepare thoroughly to receive deliveries</p> <p>1.2 Explain why any shortage of storage space needs to be reported promptly</p> <p>1.3 Explain why accurate, complete and up-to-date records are needed for deliveries</p> <p>1.4 Explain how adequate preparation helps to ensure that the health and safety requirements relating to deliveries are met</p>
2. Understand own responsibility for handling goods and materials	2.1 Explain the importance of handling goods and materials safely, hygienically and in ways that protect them from damage
3. Be able to prepare to receive deliveries in a retail environment	<p>3.1 Identify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the quantity of the items expected the nature of the items expected

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the storage space needed <p>3.2 Perform checks to ensure that enough storage space is available for expected deliveries</p> <p>3.3 Identify the person to report any shortage of storage space to</p> <p>3.4 Perform checks to ensure that the receiving area is clean, tidy and free from obstructions and hazards</p> <p>3.5 Perform checks to ensure that the necessary handling equipment is available and is in good working order</p> <p>3.6 Perform checks to ensure that the relevant records are complete, accurate and up to date</p>
4. Be able to receive deliveries into storage in a retail environment	<p>4.1 Perform checks to ensure that the type, quantity and quality of items delivered are acceptable</p> <p>4.2 Describe how to refuse faulty deliveries, including how to record these and who needs to know about them</p> <p>4.3 Use methods that are safe, hygienic and protect the items from damage to check deliveries</p> <p>4.4 Allow deliveries to be off-loaded only into the designated areas</p> <p>4.5 Update stock control systems in line with organisational procedures</p> <p>4.6 Follow legal and organisational requirements for maintaining security and safety while receiving deliveries</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards There is a one-to-one relationship with the following Retail NOS B.201, B.202</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

R/503/5659 Receive goods and materials into storage in a retail environment
– Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Learning Outcome 1. Understand the importance of preparing for expected deliveries

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to prepare to receive deliveries in a retail environment

Be able to check that

- there is sufficient space to receive the delivery
- the delivery area is free from hazards
- the area is tidy and organised
- the correct unloading / receiving equipment is available
- there is adequate staff cover for the delivery
- there is sufficient storage space

Consider

- security of premises and stock during delivery (e.g. when to open rear doors; security of products on delivery lorry, etc.)
- safety, including correct manual handling procedures; authorised personnel only in the area for unloading; safety clothing required (hats, boots, reflective vests); whether banksman needed for directing vehicles; correct manual handling procedures; correct maintenance of equipment

Know what information is required, such as

- time of delivery
- number of pallets / cages
- whether goods are perishable
- how to check with supplier (internet, contact phone number)
- where to find delivery information, e.g. copies or acknowledgements of the order)
- how to check space in the receiving area (pallet storage; freezer space; secure room, etc.)
- how to contact warehouse / receiving manager if there is insufficient space
- how to contact suppliers / logistics company if delivery needs to be delayed

Know how to check a delivery

- check individual products against delivery advice note before signing and accepting
- agree with driver any shortage and action to be taken, **or**, sign for a number of pallets / cartons and then check delivery to advice notes later
- report any discrepancies to supplier and marking notes accordingly, **or**, 'blind receiving' (no checks at time of delivery and goods put straight into stock)

Inaccurate and late paperwork may cause

- stock discrepancies
- incorrect ordering
- payments made for goods not received
- lost sales
- late payment of suppliers

and may cover up stock deficiencies that might be a result of theft

Learning Outcome 2. Understand own responsibility for handling goods and materials

Learning Outcome 4. Be able to receive deliveries into storage in a retail environment

Know how to

- check and safely use pump trucks; fork lifts; trolleys; clothing rails and internal lifts
- follow the equipment checklist and if faults are found, know who to contact and how to contact trained personnel responsible for the maintenance and repair
- handle goods to avoid causing damage or contamination to product, resulting in loss of stock and sales and profits

Know how to ensure that the delivery area

- is free from hazards
- is tidy and organised
- has the correct equipment and relevant personnel available for the delivery

Consider

- security of premises and stock during delivery; when to open rear doors; security of products on delivery lorry
- safety including correct manual handling procedures
- authorised personnel only in the area for unloading
- safety clothing required (hats, boots, reflective vests, etc.)
- whether banksman needed for directing vehicles
- correct maintenance of equipment

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

The delivery of this unit needs to be closely linked with the workplace and assessment of this unit must take place in the workplace

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It is hoped that opportunities provided by the specification will be fully used to introduce related and general / key skills studies

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

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Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

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This unit requires workplace assessment of occupational competence. This assessment must be carried out in line with the guidance available from the Learning Provider's section of Skillsmart Retail's web site (www.skillsmartretail.com)

Specific Evidence Requirement for this unit

Simulation is not allowed for any performance evidence within this unit

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

All learners must compile a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria. Evidence is not prescribed but may include any or all of the following*

- product evidence
- observation reports
- oral / written questions and answers
- reports / notes
- worksheets / workbooks
- witness statements
- recorded evidence (e.g. video or audio)
- photographic evidence
- case studies / assignments
- other suitable supplementary evidence
- simulation (see specific evidence requirement above)
- interview / discussion

*The most appropriate evidence for the qualification should be used

Portfolios do not need to be very large and must contain the learners' own work, not an abundance of tutor handouts

Evidence does not have to be written

Assessors may use any method that is reliable, valid and fit for purpose. Units should only be signed off once all the requirements of the unit are met

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Retail Skills Evidence Requirements
- Retail Skills Unit Equivalences
- Retail Skills mapping guide for employers

Keep Stock on Sale at Required Levels in a Retail Environment

Unit Reference	L/503/5661
Level	2
Credit Value	3
Guided Learning Hours	16
Unit Summary	<p>This unit assesses the occupational competence of people who work in a retail environment and who are responsible for maintaining stock levels to meet changing demand</p> <p>This unit requires workplace assessment of occupational competence</p> <p>The Retail Sector's Assessment Principles are available on Skillsmart Retail's web site (www.skillsmartretail.com)</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 4) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 4.7) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Understand the relationship between stock levels and demand for stock	<p>1.1 Explain the importance of having enough stock in the store to meet demand</p> <p>1.2 Describe the factors that can affect demand for stock</p>
2. Understand the relationship between stock levels and the quality of stock on sale	<p>2.1 Explain how stock rotation reduces the risk that stock will become unsaleable</p> <p>2.2 Describe the signs that stock is no longer saleable</p>
3. Be able to check the level of stock on sale in a retail environment	<p>3.1 Calculate when to check stock levels, taking into account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expected demand for stock • the time needed to order replacement stock <p>3.2 Use the organisation's stock control system to assess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current stock levels • the stock levels needed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any shortfalls in stock <p>3.3 Describe the procedures for informing colleagues that stock needs replacing</p>
<p>4. Be able to replenish stock on sale in a retail environment</p>	<p>4.1 Order stock as needed to maintain required levels</p> <p>4.2 Prepare stock for sale within the time allowed</p> <p>4.3 Arrange for stock to be moved to the sales floor as needed</p> <p>4.4 Rotate stock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in accordance with organisational procedures with the least possible disturbance to other people <p>4.5 Dispose of packaging waste in accordance with organisational procedures</p> <p>4.6 Update the stock control system in line with organisational procedures to reflect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stock movements any disposal of unsaleable stock <p>4.7 Calculate expected changes in demand and the corresponding changes that need to be made to stock levels</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards There is a one-to-one relationship with the following Retail NOS B.205, B.206</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

L/503/5661 Keep stock on sale at required levels in a retail environment

– Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Learning Outcome 1. Understand the relationship between stock levels and demand for stock

Learning Outcome 2. Understand the relationship between stock levels and the quality of stock on sale

Know where to find minimum / maximum levels for stock on shelves to ensure

- maximum sales with minimum investment
- correct 'stock turn'
- quality maintained to protect reputation

Be aware of

- seasonal changes in requirements
- advertising campaigns
- sales history and patterns
- new technology

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to check the level of stock on sale in a retail environment

Know how to

- use Hand Held Terminals (HHT) or stock control sheets to check free stock
- check requirements at the designated times (when shop is quiet; before or after a busy trading period)
- check condition of stock (faulty item or damaged packaging)
- check 'sell by' dates (if appropriate)
- identify whether stock is a 'current line' or discontinued
- check whether or not stock has been recalled

Learning Outcome 4. Be able to replenish stock on sale in a retail environment

Know

- where to put stock
- who can deal with it
- how to adjust stock control system to account for any stock removed, written off or returned to suppliers

Know how to

- use HHT; stock records; stock control sheets and minimum / maximum information to order stock
- send orders to correct supplier at the correct time to ensure delivery of products when needed and to avoid loss of sales

Know how to display stock

- use security tags if necessary

- where to position price tickets
- remove packaging correctly
- dispose of packaging safely
- follow recycling policy
- use intelligent labelling

Know how to check requirements for stock on the shelves and move stock to the shop floor following company procedures

- timing to avoid busy sales periods
- what equipment should be used
- any arrangements to avoid safety problems on the shop floor

Know how to replenish stock

- avoid losing sales and profits and causing disruption to customers / colleagues
- monitor sales at busy times or if a product is on promotion
- identify the reason for stock levels being low or repeatedly out of stock (e.g. seasonal, inaccurate free stock figures, incorrect minimum / maximum settings)
- suggest amendments to increase stock levels and explain the reason to the relevant manager or stock control department
- rotate stock by filling shelves at the back to sell old stock first
- avoid losses due to out of date stock or stock with old style packaging that may have to be reduced to clear

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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Specific Evidence Requirement for this unit

Simulation is not allowed for any performance evidence within this unit

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Deal With Customer Queries and Complaints in a Retail Environment

Unit Reference	F/503/5687
Level	2
Credit Value	4
Guided Learning Hours	24
Unit Summary	<p>This unit assesses the occupational competence of individuals who deal with customers' queries and complaints in a retail environment</p> <p>This unit is not for learners who deal with complaints as a major part of their job role, for example if they work in a customer contact centre</p> <p>This unit requires workplace assessment of occupational competence</p> <p>The Retail Sector's Assessment Principles are available on Skillsmart Retail's web site (www.skillsmartretail.com)</p>
Learning Outcomes (1 to 4) <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment Criteria (1.1 to 4.5) <i>The learner can</i>
1. Understand how resolving customer queries and complaints contributes to customer loyalty and confidence	<p>1.1 Explain how resolving customer queries can increase customer loyalty and confidence</p> <p>1.2 Explain how resolving customer complaints can increase customer loyalty and confidence</p>
2. Understand how to manage angry customers when dealing with customer queries and complaints in a retail environment	2.1 Explain how to manage angry customers when dealing with customer queries and complaints
3. Be able to deal with customer queries in a retail environment	<p>3.1 Acknowledge customer requests for information and advice politely</p> <p>3.2 Ask questions as needed to discover customer needs for information and advice</p>

	<p>3.3 Provide information and advice to customers that is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevant to their query • accurate • up to date <p>3.4 Ask customers questions to ensure that the information and advice provided has met their needs</p> <p>3.5 Provide alternative solutions to help customers when information and advice given is not satisfactory</p> <p>3.6 Refer requests for information or advice to the designated person when helping the customer is not within own authority</p>
<p>4. Be able to deal with customer complaints in a retail environment</p>	<p>4.1 Confirm the nature of the complaint with the customer, using information they have provided</p> <p>4.2 Apologise to the customer when the organisation is, or appears to be, responsible for the situation that has caused the customer to complain</p> <p>4.3 Take action to resolve complaints in line with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legal requirements • organisational policy <p>4.4 Refer complaints that are not within own authority to resolve, ensuring that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the complaint is referred in line with organisational procedures • the organisation's referral procedure is explained to the customer <p>4.5 Provide the opportunity for customers to ask questions about the organisation's referral procedure</p>
<p>Mapping to National Occupational Standards There is a one-to-one relationship with the following Retail NOS C.208, C.209</p>	

Supporting Unit Information

F/503/5687 Deal with customer queries and complaints in a retail environment
– Level 2

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Learning Outcome 1. Understand how resolving customer queries and complaints contributes to customer loyalty and confidence

Understand that customer's loyalty and confidence builds a company's reputation, gets it repeat business and also builds business through recommendation

- deal efficiently and correctly with a complaint
- ensure that the customer understands and appreciates action taken
- give the customer confidence to return
- try to resolve the situation to the customer's satisfaction

Learning Outcome 2. Understand how to manage angry customers when dealing with customer queries and complaints in a retail environment

- be able to talk calmly to customer
- move away from other customers
- be polite
- show empathy
- explain that they will help the customer but may need more information
- know the limit of their authority
- know who to go to for advice / authorisation
- be able to decide on the seriousness of complaint (value of goods; safety issues; the effect of the problem on the customer)

Learning Outcome 3. Be able to deal with customer queries in a retail environment

Know how to ask open questions, be able to listen carefully to replies and confirm information required (active listening). Be able to speak clearly and concisely checking customer's understanding

Understand the company's products and procedures and who to ask for further information or advice. Be able to supply information and advice but know the limits and detail of advice that can be given

- gains customer's loyalty and confidence and builds company's reputation
- generates repeat business
- builds business through recommendation

Learning Outcome 4. Be able to deal with customer complaints in a retail environment

Be aware that goods cannot be returned if they

- have been abused
- are out of guarantee
- have been tampered with
- have not been used in accordance with instructions
- do not have proof of purchase

Understand the Sale of Goods Act – the customer is entitled to a replacement or refund if goods

- are not as described
- are not fit for purpose
- are not finished to a reasonable standard
- are unsafe
- have a defect

Customers are not entitled to return unwanted goods (unless the store advertises a policy to the contrary)

Be able to explain their company's customer service policy for dealing with complaints, such as

- rules regarding proof of purchase, if required
- whether or not the store has a 'blanket' refund policy for all faulty goods
- time limits for replacement / refund or repair of goods
- how complaints are recorded
- who the customer should contact if complaints are not dealt with at department or store level

Know who can provide advice if necessary, e.g. manager, customer services

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

The delivery of this unit needs to be closely linked with the workplace and assessment of this unit must take place in the workplace

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

It is hoped that opportunities provided by the specification will be fully used to introduce related and general / key skills studies

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

This unit will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated via a learner's portfolio and other related evidence, against the unit outcomes and assessment criteria

Minimum requirements when assessing this unit

ABC expects that staff are appropriately qualified to assess learners against the outcomes and criteria within the units. Generally teaching/support staff should be qualified and/or vocationally experienced to at least a level above that which they are teaching/supporting

This unit requires workplace assessment of occupational competence. This assessment must be carried out in line with the guidance available from the

Learning Provider's section of Skillsmart Retail's web site
(www.skillsmartretail.com)

Specific Evidence Requirement for this unit

Simulation is not allowed for any performance evidence within this unit

Assessment Criteria 3.1: 'Politely' means demonstrating respect and consideration for other people through the use of appropriate body language, verbal language, tone of voice (or the sign language equivalent) and facial expressions

Assessment Criteria 4.2 can be assessed by asking 'What if?' questions, if no situation arises where the organisation is, or appears to be, responsible for the situation that has caused the customer to complain

Assessment Criteria 4.3: If the organisation does not have a written policy, learners need to ask their manager for broad guidelines and follow these where the unit refers to a policy

EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT

All learners must compile a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria. Evidence is not prescribed but may include any or all of the following*

- product evidence
- observation reports
- oral / written questions and answers
- reports / notes
- worksheets / workbooks
- witness statements
- recorded evidence (e.g. video or audio)
- photographic evidence
- case studies / assignments
- other suitable supplementary evidence
- simulation (see specific evidence requirement above)
- interview / discussion

*The most appropriate evidence for the qualification should be used

Portfolios do not need to be very large and must contain the learners' own work, not an abundance of tutor handouts

Evidence does not have to be written

Assessors may use any method that is reliable, valid and fit for purpose. Units should only be signed off once all the requirements of the unit are met

All evidence must be clearly signposted and made available for the external

moderator upon request

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All internal assessments must be accompanied by a signed Declaration of Authenticity (this document is available on the ABC web site www.abcawards.co.uk)

A copy of the following documents are available on the Skillsmart Retail web site www.skillsmartretail.com

- Retail Sector's Assessment Principles for the Qualifications and Credit Framework
- Retail Skills Evidence Requirements
- Retail Skills Unit Equivalences
- Retail Skills mapping guide for employers

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Exemption and Credit Transfer

ABC 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 ABC 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 ABC 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 ABC.

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 – ABC 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.

ABC encourages its centres to recognise the previous achievements of learners through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Exemption and Credit Transfer. 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

Certification

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

ABC's policies and procedures are available on the ABC web site in the Examination Officers' Guide

Appendices

Glossary of Terms

GLH (Guided Learning Hours)

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