

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care and Welfare – 610/1058/3

Overview

This qualification has been developed in collaboration with industry and providers. The Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care and Welfare develops practical skills, promotes sound working practices that are fully in accordance with Animal Welfare requirements, and fosters effective communication skills, team-working, and customer satisfaction.

What does this qualification cover?

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

Who could take this qualification?

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

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

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

What does the qualification cover?

The mandatory units include:

- Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals
- Handling and restraint of animals
- Movement of animals
- Prepare and maintain animal accommodation
- Maintain health, safety and security in the workplace
- Plan and provide feed and nutrition to animals

The optional units cover a range of animal care aspects related to the welfare of animals for e.g.:

- Transporting animals
- Welcome, receive and care for visitors

- Maintain animal behaviour
- Animal training programmes

Practical Hours Requirement

There is no external practical hour requirements attached to this qualification.

Assessments

This qualification is to be completed by portfolio submission including physical demonstration on live animals throughout units, with clear evidencing linked to the relevant Assessment Criteria. Where physical demonstration is required, this needs to be observed and recorded by the tutor to support the overall qualification submission.

Unless stated otherwise, Skills and Education Group Awards require a minimum of three examples when learners are asked to demonstrate various methods or techniques. This requirement ensures that the learner shows a clear understanding of the assessment criteria.

For the mandatory units, 'Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals' and 'Maintain health, safety and security in the workplace', Skills and Education Group Awards have developed Independent, Externally Set Mandatory Knowledge questions. This can be accessed via the link in the about us section of this qualification guide.

Centres must take all reasonable steps to avoid any part of the assessment of a learner (including any internal quality assurance and invigilation) being undertaken by any person who has a personal interest in the result of the assessment.

What could this qualification lead to?

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

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

By obtaining this qualification, learners will have the necessary skills and knowledge to allow them the opportunity to potentially progress into employment such as:

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

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

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

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on the qualification can be found on Skills and Education Group Awards website.