

## **Purpose Statement**

# **SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma for Animal Welfare Officers - 610/3293/1**

## **Overview**

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma for Animal Welfare Officers is designed to develop knowledge and skills to become an Animal Licensing Inspector with the Local Authority.

## **Who is this qualification for?**

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma for Animal Welfare Officers is aimed at learners over the age of 16, who are looking to become an Animal Welfare Officer with the Local Authority or those currently working as an Animal Welfare Officer, looking to formalise their current training.

## **What does the qualification cover?**

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma for Animal Welfare Officers aims to provide learners with the information required under the DEFRA, The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 to become an Animal Welfare Officer with the Local Authority.

The qualification covers:

- Legislation in Animal Care - Learners will gather an understanding of the legislation surrounding companion animal care when working as an animal licensing inspector. They will be made aware of their roles and responsibilities under the legislation.
- Animal Care and Welfare – Learners will explore the factors linking animal health to welfare. Learners will examine health checking, disease prevention, nutrition and environmental enrichment.
- Linking Animal Cruelty and Interpersonal Violence - Learners will assess the proven links between cruelty to animals and the use of violence on people, knowing the key agencies that are involved and the reporting process.
- Companion Animal Behaviour - Learners will be introduced to companion animal behaviour, with aspects of body language, observation and recognition of stress being explored.
- Managing Equipment in an Animal Care Establishment - Learners will understand the importance of the maintenance of equipment used within

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animal care. This will include accurate record keeping and identification of issues with equipment.

- Providing Advice to the Public - Learners will examine the different types of animal welfare advice commonly sought by members of the public to assist in providing the ability to report issues, and gather advice to improve welfare of animals.
- Animal Hoarding Intervention - Learners will be introduced to the reasons people hoard animals and how to work with them to prevent reoccurrence. The agencies to report hoarding will be examined, along with the strategies to assist those reporting hoarding.
- Inspecting Animal Care Establishments - With animal welfare and best practice at the forefront, Learners will gain knowledge to be able to review, inform, advise, and guide animal care establishments to meet legislation and welfare requirements.
- Handling Animals in Complex Situations - Learners will understand how handling animals in complex situations is different to everyday handling. The principles of safe and effective handling will be explored to minimise stress and discomfort of animals.
- Transportation of Animals -Learners will become aware of the principles and practices of safe and stress free transportation of companion animals.
- Skills in Practical Animal Care - Learners will be able to identify a range of indicators of good and ill health, including different behaviours shown. When analysing the animals, learners will be able to provide a judgement and recommendations on the suitability of the accommodation.

## **What could this qualification lead to?**

Learners who achieve this qualification will then have the opportunity in becoming an Animal Welfare Officer with the Local Authority.

Learners could also look to progress within various other regulated qualifications within the Animal Care sector that Skills and Education Group Awards offers, to expand on their knowledge and experience in animal care further.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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