

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Canine Welfare, Training and Behaviour – 610/3509/9

Overview

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Canine Welfare, Training and Behaviour has been designed to provide learners with the knowledge and practical expertise in understanding, managing, and improving canine welfare, training techniques, and behavioural practices. It will offer a comprehensive understanding of the biological, psychological, and environmental factors that influence a canine's well-being and behaviour.

Who is this qualification for?

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Canine Welfare, Training and Behaviour is designed for Learners of the age of 18 and over, who have an interest in learning and developing skills for Canine Care.

Learners are required to have at least three years' working experience in the topic of Canine welfare, training and behaviour. Alternatively, learners are required to have successfully completed Level 3 Award in Canine Behaviour, Welfare and Training. All learners must be a minimum age of 18 to apply for this qualification.

What does the qualification cover?

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Canine Welfare, Training and Behaviour has been designed to provide learners with the knowledge and information regarding Canine welfare, training and behaviour. Learners will acknowledge the specific behaviour in Canines which include aggression and stress. They will learn how to provide care and create a calming atmosphere for animals in their care. Learners will develop the knowledge and understanding in all aspects of caring for Canines, of all sizes, and breeds, specifically kennel care and day care.

Learners will explore, in detail, how to care for Canines safely and correctly in a variety of settings. They will learn ways to identify and address difficult Canine behaviour, understand the indicators of stress and anxiety and know how to read the different signals of the Canine.

The qualification will further focus on a deeper level of how to care and maintain the welfare of Canines alongside understanding canine anatomy, physiology and nutrition.

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- **Canine Behavioural Issues** - Learners will gain an understanding around the various types of behavioural issues identified in Canines and gain knowledge into how these behavioural issues can be controlled effectively, through training methods and therapies.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- **Structure and Functions of Canines** - Learners will gain knowledge around the science concerned with the bodily structure of Canines, identifying the impact of Canine anatomy on behavioural concerns. Learners will acknowledge the significance of various structures of the body such as muscular and skeletal, recognising physical change in movement that leads to discomfort in Canines.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- **Nutritional Diet for Canines** - Learners will be able to acknowledge the origin of important healthy food for Canines, understanding the importance of a balanced diet. They will understand the process of how food moves through a Canine's digestive tract for overall health and well-being.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- **Canine Biology** - Learners will be able to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of Canine biology, including anatomical structures. Learners will be able to apply this knowledge to analyse and evaluate the behaviour, health and overall well-being of a Canine.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- **Philosophy of Canine Training** - Learners will acknowledge the importance of reinforcing behaviour management in Canines and acknowledge the source of traditional and instrumental conditioning. Learners will acknowledge the numerous ways of strengthening behavioural techniques and recognise the responsibilities of control in adjusting Canine behaviour. This unit will delve into the philosophy of Canine training, analysing different approaches and techniques within Canine training. Learners will gain a comprehensive understanding of how different philosophies shape the training methods and influence the behaviour of Canines.

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- **Ownership of Canines** - Learners will acknowledge the importance of the role of Canine owners including responsibilities and benefits associated with owning Canines.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- **Physical Activities for Canines** - Learners will acknowledge the importance of physical activity with Canines. They will understand the amount of time which is appropriate for exercise and the impact that physical activity has on Canine behaviour. Learners will acknowledge the significance of mental encouragement and improvement in changing behaviour concerns in Canines.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- **Organising a Canine Teaching Programme** - Learners will acknowledge the purpose of business demands for supervising Canine exercise classes. This unit will allow learners to recognise the required skills for providing exercise classes resulting in them being able to create a Canine teaching plan.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

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.

What could this qualification lead to?

After successfully completing this qualification, Learners will have the opportunity to progress into the Canine sector either in employment or self-employment.

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.

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Further Information

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