

## **Purpose Statement**

# **SEG Awards Level 3 Award in Small Animal First Aid – 610/4658/9**

## **Overview**

The SEG Awards Level 3 Award in Small Animal First Aid has been designed to develop knowledge, skills and behaviours within First Aid for small animals.

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

The SEG Awards Level 3 Awards in Small Animal First Aid has been designed for learners of the age of 18 and over, who would like to progress within an occupation with small animals, currently working with small animals or who have previous qualifications and experience with working with small animals.

There are no formal entry requirements for undertaking this qualification however, it is expected for learners to understand the importance of small animal wellbeing and some experience of working with small animals whether in a professional or personal capacity. The minimum age to apply for this qualification is 18 years of age.

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

The SEG Awards Level 3 Award in Small Animal First Aid has been launched in line with legislation requirements, ensuring that practitioners working alongside small animals meet industry standards and work in line with regulatory guidelines. This qualification provides the learners with the chance to develop their knowledge and skills further in ensuring that all emergency situations are dealt with appropriately and professionally, keeping the small animal's welfare and the forefront of their actions.

This qualification has been designed to be undertaken alongside other of Skills and Education Group Awards qualifications focusing on small animals, specifically the Level 3 Certificate in Small Animal Hydrotherapy.

The qualification covers:

- **Small Animal Health Status and First Aid** - In this unit, Learners will understand the importance of maintaining the health and welfare for each small animal patient in their care.  
  
Learners will be able to undertake health checks essential for safe practice.

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Learners will be able to recognise and manage a variety of small animal first aid emergencies.

It is always imperative that learners act within their area of professional competence and personal limitations.

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## **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 / dummy animals throughout unit, with clear evidencing linked to the relevant Assessment Criteria.

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.

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?**

By obtaining this qualification, Learners will have the necessary skills and knowledge to allow them the opportunity to potentially progress into employment within working with small animals.

This qualification goes hand in hand with all of Skills and Education Group Awards regulated qualifications within the Animal Care sector, supporting learners' knowledge and experience in animal care first aid requirements, which is essential when working with any small animal, in any capacity.

The one unit from this qualification is also in the SEG Awards Level 3 in Small Animal Hydrotherapy qualification.

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.

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## **Further Information**

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