

# Level 2 Animal Care and Welfare Assistant Apprenticeship



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Animal Management	Level 2	Full-Time	1 - 1.5 years	Any Time

## The Course

Are you passionate about a career working with animals and ready for employment? This apprenticeship could be ideal for you. As an apprentice, you will work alongside experienced staff, gain job-specific skills, knowledge and behaviours for the animal industry. You will earn a wage and be given time away from work to study during your working week. Your role will be to care for animals and their specific needs, meeting animal care and welfare legislation. It will involve manual labour and provide customer service. You need to be highly enthusiastic, have a strong work ethic, be self-motivated and have the ability to work as part of a team as well as independently. You may have to work irregular hours.

## Course Aims

> To help you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required for employment and future career progression within the animal industry.

## What You Will Study

- > Health, bio-security and welfare legislation
- > Animal anatomy and physiology
- > Basic reproduction and obstetrics
- > Animal first aid and medication
- > Animal behaviours and their changing needs at different life stages
- > Animal accommodation and environments
- > Preparing and providing food, water and nutrition
- > Approach, handle and restraining animals
- > Exercise and socialise animals including enrichment
- > Customer service

## Entry Requirements

You will need:

Appropriate employment in the animal industry

Preferably, you will have GCSE English and Maths at a minimum of grade 3/D

## Teaching and Learning Approach

Delivery of knowledge, skills and behaviours through theory and practical-based lessons. On occasion some lessons may be delivered online to support your learning and progress.

## Time Required on Campus

You will be released from work one day per week to attend college.

## Work Experience

As you will be employed within the industry, you will work 30-40 hours per week.

## How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through an end point assessment (EPA) and graded pass or distinction. Please note that the duration does not include the EPA.

## Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > Stationery such as pens, paper.
- > Electronic device such as a laptop to access our online learning environment.
- > Kennel coat and steel toe-capped boots.

## Progression

You may progress to a higher-level course at the college or be offered a higher-level role, e.g. assistant supervisor, in your workplace.

## Careers

Typical careers include: Kennel/cattery assistant, animal technician, animal day care assistant, pet retail assistant, veterinary care, zoo keeper or wildlife park assistant.