Level 2
Animal Care and Welfare Assistant

For those looking to gain hands-on experience in the animal care industry, this qualification enables them to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to begin their career. This course centres around the wellbeing of animals and ensuring all animal welfare needs are sustained.

An Animal Care and Welfare Assistant will develop a comprehensive understanding of topics and learn to apply these, including:

Knowledge Development
• The species/breeds specific to the role and common characteristics
• Animal first aid, urgent, ongoing and preventive care
• How an animal's natural behaviour impacts its diet and feeding patterns
• Accommodation and environment requirements that are suitable and safe
• Basic anatomy and physiology

Skills Enrichment
• Comply with UK and EU animal related legislation
• Observe and be aware of the behaviour of animals and take appropriate actions
• Exercise/socialise animals and provide appropriate enrichment relevant to their needs
• Provide food and water to animals and monitor their intake
• Maintain animal accommodation, environment and equipment, providing appropriate resources

Functional Skills

Maths and English qualifications are an integral element of the apprenticeship standards.

These are implemented by Haddon Training's dedicated Functional Skills team and will be delivered either as individual or group sessions, depending on the learner's requirements. If the learner has completed Functional Skills previously or can provide suitable evidence, such as GCSE certificates or similar, they may be exempt from completing this element of the qualification.

Functional Skills	
Learners will need to complete:	
English	Level 1
Maths	Level 1

Qualification Overview

To achieve the Level 2 Animal Care and Welfare Assistant qualification, the learner must complete:
- All mandatory modules.
- One optional pathway and the unique skills and knowledge identified to fulfil this route. The pathway will depend on the learner's area of special interest and the sector their employer specialises in.
- All core behaviours.
- The End Point Assessment, in which all components must be passed.

The apprenticeship is awarded through the successful completion of an End Point Assessment (EPA). This consists of:
- A practical assessment in which the learner will be observed cleaning accommodation (45 minutes) and preparing diets (45 minutes).
- A professional discussion in which the learner is questioned on the knowledge learnt throughout the apprenticeship.

The qualification will take a minimum of 12 months to complete, dependant on a learner's prior knowledge and skills recorded on a skill scan and individual learning plan.

Mandatory Modules Overview

Knowledge and skills outline
Legislation and regulation
Animal behaviour
Animal health and welfare
Providing basic treatments
Animal accommodation
Animal diets
Animal biology
Handle, restrain and move animals

Optional Pathways

Pathway title
Animal interaction and handling
Rehoming
Movement and transportation
Operational/reception duties
Wildlife rehabilitation
Veterinary care support

Core Behaviours

Personal and employability skills
Safe working
Work ethic
Responsibility
Teamwork
Communication
Professionalism

For an in-depth view of the knowledge, skills, behaviours and pathway options for the Animal Care and Welfare Assistant apprenticeship, please visit: http://bit.ly/AnimalCareL2

*Please note employers will be assessed before the qualification commences to ensure that they can meet the requirements of any chosen pathway listed above. Please discuss your options further with our team to find out more.

Progression

Upon completion, learners could progress to the following qualifications if they are in a suitable role:

• Level 3 Animal Care and Welfare Manager
• Level 2 Dog Groomer
• Level 3 Team Leader
• Level 3 Keeper/Aquarist
• Level 4 Learning and Skills Mentor