



Level 1 Animal Care

This qualification is great for individuals just starting out in animal care. They will gain the basic skills and knowledge needed to work in a supervised role. They could also use this qualification to prepare them for further training or for progression to Level 2 qualifications.

Our learners will discover how to:

- Be kind to animals: Learn how to take care of animals and make sure they're happy and healthy.
- How to treat animals gently: Know how to hold and touch animals without scaring them.
- Help animals stay strong and healthy: Learn what foods animals like and provide water.
- Understand animal feelings: Know when animals are happy, scared, or not feeling well.
- Keep animals clean and safe: Learn how to clean up after animals and look after their habitats.
- Help animals feel happy: Find fun toys and activities for animals to play with.
- Know how to help if an animal gets hurt: Discover simple ways to help animals.
- Make sure everyone stays safe: Learn how to be safe around animals.
- Learn how to handle animals: Learn how to lead and use handling equipment with animals.
- Work with animals: Help take care of real animals to see how much fun it can be!

Where to study

Our qualifications are work-based, and all skills are learnt in places with animals. We work with amazing organisations across England. These locations are chosen by us because they are all prepared to support learners at this level and understand that some people may have found working in a classroom to be challenging.

Funding

This qualification is often funded by Local Authorities, and we can help people with any questions they may have about this. They can also be funded privately by families or individuals should they wish. Please contact our team to find out more.

The Qualification

This course aims to allow learners to learn, develop and practise the skills required for employment and/or career progression in animal care.

This Level 1 qualification can be taken at three different learning stages: a beginners Award, an intermediate Certificate, and an advanced Diploma. Our team of specialist support can help our learners to decide which one is best for them. All learning stages provide a nationally recognised qualification upon successful completion.

To complete the qualification, learners must complete a range of units.

Example of units

Here are some examples of units that learners might complete:

Assist with the care of animals and principles of the care of animals

Principles of dealing with feedstuffs for small animals and assist with feedstuffs for small animals

Assist with animal accommodation

Maintain the safety of self and others in the workplace

Assist with maintaining structures and surfaces and principles of maintaining structures and surfaces

Provide controlled exercise opportunities for animals

Please note: We are an inclusive organisation and both new and existing employers will be assessed before the qualification commences to ensure that they can meet the requirements of the course and the individual support needs of each learner.

Progression

Achieving one of these qualifications could help participants to gain work in job roles, such as:

- Animal technician/assistant
- Animal centre/shelter worker
- Kennel or cattery worker
- Pet shop assistant

We also offer a range of other qualifications, depending on what individuals would like to do next, including:

- Level 2 Animal Care qualifications
- Level 2 Animal Care and Welfare apprenticeships

Please speak with our team to find out more.

