



## Animal Care Courses

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These courses enable young people to combine foundational knowledge in animal care, with skills for working life. The qualifications are ideal for those with a keen interest in animals, developing skills in handling, feeding, and maintaining welfare. Learners also gain workplace experience to build confidence and develop in areas including working in a team, and effective communication, within a SEND supported learning environment.

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- Situated in the heart of Milton Keynes at Ride High Equestrian Centre.
- Providing the opportunity to look after horses and ponies.
- Home to a dedicated team offering structured training to support those with additional needs.
- A safe and nurturing environment with purpose-built facilities.



## Entry Level 2 (13-25 yrs)

The Skills for Working Life Entry Level 2 Animal Care course combines a range of skills in the workplace, including healthy living, behaviour at work, and identifying hazards at work, with basic practical animal care experience, such as supervised feeding and watering, recognising farm animals, assisting with cleaning animal housing and maintaining fencing.

This is an ideal starting point for those looking to begin building both industry and essential life skills.

## Entry Level 3 (13-25 yrs)

The Skills for Working Life Entry Level 3 Animal Care course further develops animal care skills, including grooming small animals, poultry housing, and recognising healthy farm animals. It also covers workplace skills such as effective communication, planning for progression and working in a team.

## Level 1 (14-25 yrs)

The Level 1 in Work-based Animal Care provides a more detailed understanding of the skills and knowledge required in a working environment, with a range of modules to develop abilities in areas such as feeding animals, exercising animals, and the handling of small animals.

## Teaching and Support

The qualifications are completed through an evidence-based portfolio with no exams. Learners are supported by experienced SEND staff and a specialist Trainer Coach who assesses progress and provides extra support.

## Funding

These courses are funded by the local authority for 13–25-year-olds with an EHCP, and also to those who may wish to pay privately.

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