



Level 1 in Work-Based Animal Care

This course enables people to gain foundational knowledge in animal care, developing skills in handling, feeding, and maintaining welfare. The qualification is beneficial for those with a personal interest in animals, as well as those looking to begin a career working with animals, as it builds confidence and practical experience in a structured learning environment.

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE AT:



Happy Hooves Riding Centre

Based in Cumbria, just outside of Penrith, this friendly riding centre offers flexible qualifications with their dedicated team, helping young people thrive through accessible learning.



HOW IT WORKS

This qualification develops the knowledge and skills needed to work in a supervised role within animal care. It can be set at three different levels; Award, Certificate or Diploma. These differ in depth and complexity.

Guided Learning Hours (GLH) are the number of hours a learner needs in their placement to complete the qualification.

The GLH for this qualification are: 90 (Award), 162 (Certificate), 342 (Diploma). It can also be full-time or part-time following discussion with the placement.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

As part of this qualification the following topics will be covered:

Health & Safety	Controlled exercise	Movement
Daily care	Maintenance of equipment	Handling
Biosecurity	Animal accommodation	Feeding

TEACHING AND SUPPORT

At the placement there will be fully qualified staff with in-depth experience working with SEND learners. A specialist Trainer Coach will also be available to assess the learning taking place and provide additional support. The qualification is achieved entirely through an evidence-based portfolio and no exams are required at any point.

FUNDING

This course is funded by the local authority for anyone from 14 – 25 years old with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) within the catchment area, and is also available to those who may wish to consider paying privately.

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