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500/8356/9 City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care

Who is this qualification aimed at?

This qualification is aimed at you if you want to work in the animal care industry. Caring for animals is hugely rewarding and this qualification could start you off on your career.

This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or older. There are no prior qualifications needed. You will need to be able to do work experience in the animal care industry for a minimum of 150 hours.

What does this qualification cover?

There are four compulsory topics that you will need to complete:

- animal health and welfare
- practical animal feeding
- animal accommodation
- work related experience in the land-based industries.

You then need to take further optional topics, which could include areas such as:

- introduction to animal behaviour and handling
- assist with the nursing of animals
- introduction to grooming dogs
- assist with the care of exotic animals
- introduction to caring for zoo animals
- British wildlife species, habitats and rehabilitation
- assist with the care of exotic animals
- retailing in the land-based industries.

Centres and providers may work with local employers who can contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers may provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and where possible work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically based training is ideal preparation for training on the job or specialist further study.



Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

The qualification could lead to employment opportunities in the following types of businesses:

- kennel or cattery
- pet shop/store
- animal welfare organisation
- dog grooming business
- wildlife park
- animal/wildlife rehabilitation centre.

You could get a job working as a:

- animal/dog groomer
- pet shop assistant/retail assistant
- animal care centre assistant
- kennel and cattery worker
- animal boarding assistant.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

You could progress to other qualifications in Animal Management at Level 3, or to the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (which could be taken alone or as part of an Apprenticeship).

If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?

City & Guilds offers two sizes of qualification in Animal Care: Extended Certificate and Diploma. You are likely to take the Extended Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the basic skills and knowledge required by employers in the animal care industry. The Extended Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study. You are likely to take the Diploma if you want to specialise, to develop more of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the animal care industry. The Diploma is likely to be taken as part of a full-time one year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by the following Trade Association:

The Pet Industry Federation.

And also the following employers:

RSPCA

Pets at Home

West Midland Safari Park

Newgate Kennels
Seaham Veterinary Centre
Paradise Park
Wild Futures

**THIS IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL
QUALIFICATION.**

For further information on this qualification please go to:

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