

Animal Care

VOCATIONAL

Level 1, 2 & 3
VRQ

Entry requirements

- Acceptance on the course will be by interview
- Some theory work and some ability in a science subject such as Biology will be helpful at Level 1
- At Level 2, a Science GCSE would help show you are capable of the theory work
- You will need to like animals and be very patient with them

Why choose this course?

There will be a great deal of practical work during your training including a lot of cleaning up! You will need to show that you are prepared for the hard work involved. Although much of the training is through a work placement there are days of theory work. You will need to be capable of some project work and be able to build a portfolio of your experiences in animal care.

Pets and other domestic animals as well as captive animals in zoos are unable to care for themselves and need people to provide them with food, water, exercise and help when they are unwell. There are many professionals who take care of animals, when their owners are away or when the animals need special care. These include vets and veterinary nurses but also kennel staff, pet shop assistants and zoo keepers.

Topics covered include: diseases and disorders; feeding and nutrition and animal biology.

Further information?

For more information talk to your VRQ Co-ordinator or call our Sixth Form on 01752 720031

What will you study?

What does the course involve?

Diploma in Animal Care

Level 1 : Core Units

- Maintain the safety of self and others in the workplace
- Assist with the care of animals
- Principles of the care of animals
- Principles of dealing with animal accommodation
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- Principles of dealing with foodstuffs for small animals

Level 2 :

You will complete 30 credits from the following core units:

- Maintain animal health and welfare (10 credits)
- Undertake practical animal feeding (5 credits)
- Maintain animal accommodation (5 credits)
- Undertake work related experience in land-based industries (10 credits)

Plus 50 credits from optional units

Subsidiary Diploma in Animal Care

Level 3 :

You complete the following core unit:

- Understand and promote animal health (10 credits)

Plus 50 credits from optional units

Possible career pathway

Most Animal Care students will progress on to an apprenticeship or work with a vet or kennels in a junior position until they have gained experience. Those who have completed Level 2 may well progress to further education courses. Those who have also gained good GCSEs may subsequently gain veterinary nursing qualifications.