

# Animal Care

**Specification:** City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management  
City and Guilds Level 2 Extended Certificate in Animal Care  
City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care

**Assessment:** Portfolio of evidence, practical assessments/demonstrations and for the Advanced Technical Certificate two in house examinations and an external examination.

An Animal Care qualification is for anyone who would like to work with animals. The courses will suit those who are just starting out as well as those with some experience. Animal health and welfare is a priority for all of the industry. Each course provides a practical progression route that encourages you to develop your skills and knowledge in subject areas that interest you. Within our Animal Care centre we have a wide range of small animals to support your practical learning ranging from Chinchillas to snakes and lizards to quail. For each unit your assessor observes and asks questions as you perform different tasks, creating a portfolio of formal evidence.

Over the duration of your course, you will be covering all aspects of animal husbandry from feeding to accommodation. You will cover the biological systems as well as animal welfare and breeding. Dependant on the course that you take there are a selection of trips which involve a visit to a working farm and a zoo to look at animal behaviour.

All learners are encouraged to complete a number of hours at a good quality work placement, to enhance their knowledge and skills across the variety of vocational roles such as animal care assistants, zoo keeper assistants, pet retail assistants and to develop employability skills.

**Progression:** Learners have opportunities to progress through the levels and obtain employment within the sector or attend university to train at higher levels. With the job opportunities in the area on the increase and the vast amount of people now owning pets this is a fast growing industry.

