

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Award in Animal Care Skills (Level 1) (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to recognise the development of knowledge and skills regarding animal care. This qualification has been designed to enable you to explore this vocational area and gain skills and confidence in working with animals, which may lead to voluntary/paid employment.

Who is it for?

- All learners in all learning environments
- Those enhancing working skills
- Those who are preparing for working life

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Award qualification, you are required to complete 7 credits or 70 hours of learning.

To gain either qualification you must complete a one credit mandatory unit in Exploring Opportunities in Animal Care. With the remaining credit chosen from Option Group B which includes the following units:

- Assist with Preparing and Storing Feedstuffs for Small Animals
- Assist with the Care of Animals
- Assist with the Maintenance and Cleaning of Animal Accommodation
- Care of Animals
- Working with Animals

What are the Entry Requirements?

There are no age restrictions for working towards this qualification and no specific prior achievements required.

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification.

Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Videos/photographs
- Reflective journals
- Questions/answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

What are the Progression Opportunities?

The qualification has been developed to enable progression to further learning and/or employment.

You may choose to progress to further studies, such as:

- Open Awards qualifications in Skills for Further Learning and Employment at Level 2 or Land-Based Skills at Level 2
- Other vocational qualifications at Level 2
- Supported Internships/Voluntary Work/other employment

Who supports this qualification?

Our schools' sector is very keen to support this qualification and they include (but is not limited to) Manor Academy, Abbots Lea School and Abbey Hill Academy.