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1 Unit Details

Unit Title:	Maintain Animal Accommodation
Unit Reference Number:	L/508/4472
Level:	Level 2
Credit Value:	3
Minimum GLH:	23

2 Learning Outcomes and Criteria

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Be able to maintain animal accommodation.	1.1 Assess the condition of the animal and accommodation before maintaining covering the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the suitability of accommodation to the animal concernedb) allowing the necessary freedom of movementc) minimising animal stress.
	1.2 Wear the appropriate protective clothing during cleaning and maintaining.
	1.3 Carry out cleaning routines according to the animal accommodation and specification.
	1.4 Replace any necessary materials and fittings correctly when cleaning is complete.
	1.5 Monitor and maintain environmental conditions to promote the health and welfare of animals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) ventilationb) lightc) structured) temperaturee) noise.

	1.6	Maintain safety and security of the animals during cleaning operations.
	1.7	Report any difficulties to the relevant person if necessary.
	1.8	Provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes.
2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage.	2.1	Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements.
	2.2	Carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage.
	2.3	Dispose of waste safely and correctly.
3. Know why it is important to maintain animal accommodation.	3.1	Describe why it is important to maintain animal accommodation and the implications of failing to do so.
	3.2	Describe the relationship between maintaining animal accommodation and promoting animal health and welfare.
	3.3	State how other factors would influence the maintenance of accommodation for animals (health, age and behaviour).
4. Know how to maintain animal accommodation.	4.1	Describe the environmental conditions which promote the health and welfare of animals.
	4.2	Identify the reasons for monitoring environmental conditions and reporting variations.
	4.3	Outline cleaning routines, methods and materials.
	4.4	Describe how to recognise signs of stress and abnormal behaviour in animals before, during and after maintaining accommodation and what actions should be taken.
5. Know how to maintain materials and fittings.	5.1	State how to maintain materials and fittings to ensure the health and welfare of animals using accommodation.
6. Know relevant health and safety and animal welfare legislation and environmental good practice.	6.1	Outline the current health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements.
	6.2	Describe how environmental damage can be minimised.
	6.3	Describe the correct methods for disposing of organic and inorganic waste.