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1 Unit Details

Unit Title:	Prepare and Groom Animals
QAC Code:	H/508/4476
Level:	Level 2
Credit Value:	4
Minimum GLH:	30

2 Learning Outcomes and Criteria

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Be able to assess the animal prior to grooming.	1.1 Check that the environment and equipment to be used is clean, ready for use and is secure and safe for both them and the animal.
	1.2 Handle animals in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and health and safety of all throughout.
	1.3 Report promptly to the appropriate person when examination of the animal reveals an abnormal condition.
	1.4 Explain the signs and symptoms of basic skin problems and infestations.
	1.5 Describe how the type of animal affects the method of preparing for grooming and the equipment that should be used.
2. Be able to prepare and groom animals.	2.1 Select and use equipment and materials appropriate to the animal and its care requirements.
	2.2 Explain why it is important to approach and handle animals in a manner that promotes their confidence, cooperation, health and safety.

	<p>2.3 Prepare the animal ready for grooming using the correct techniques and equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) remove excess hair, knots and tangles b) clean the animal's coat and skin c) remove dirt and debris from feet.
	2.4 Groom the animal using the correct methods.
	2.5 Observe the condition of the animal during the process and report any changes to the appropriate person.
	2.6 Communicate with others on the animal's care requirements.
	2.7 Keep accurate records on the techniques and materials used to care for the animal.
	2.8 List the steps that should be taken in the event of accidentally damaging the animal.
	2.9 Explain why it is important to keep accurate records of the care provided to the animal.
3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage.	<p>3.1 Work in a way which maintains health and safety, animal welfare and is consistent with current legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements.</p>
	3.2 Carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage.
	3.3 Dispose of waste safely and correctly.
	3.4 Describe the limit of the groomer's role when identifying possible abnormalities and conditions and the importance of referring to a veterinary surgeon.