

## Advanced Apprenticeship in Animal Care

These programmes cover a range of Animal Care skills and related practices. The main objectives of the courses are to ensure the development of practical skills, related background knowledge including health and safety issues and procedures. This is a practically based course aimed at developing the necessary skills and experience ideal for those working or seeking to work in a more supervisory capacity within the industry.

### Programme Length

Candidates will be required to attend Myerscough College (Preston Campus) one day per week during term time and will undertake training and assessment over a minimum\* of 18 months, dependent on initial assessment.

\*Minimum durations apply for 16 – 18 year old. 19 + learners can apply for accredited prior learning which may reduce the duration. Funding rules dictate a minimum of 12 months duration.

### Venue

Work Based blended delivery programme consisting predominantly of on-site training and assessment within the workplace, supported by off-site technical training at Myerscough College one day per week during term time. Course teaching, learning and assessment is enhanced through the effective use of e portfolio and distance learning resources to ensure flexible delivery is responsive to learner, employer and situational needs.

### Entry Criteria

Entry onto the apprenticeship is subject to a thorough initial assessment to clarify course appropriateness. Entrants must have the ability to achieve Level 2 Functional Skills in English and Mathematics and be able to cope with the Level 3 vocational qualification. Apprentices must have a contract of employment working for a minimum for 30 hours/week.

### Programme Structure

The Apprenticeship is made up of a number of different nationally recognised qualifications:

#### Competence Qualification:

Level 3 Diploma In Workbased Animal Care

#### Functional Skills:

Level 2 English

Level 2 Mathematics

#### Employee Rights and Responsibilities

Delivered and assessed through a workbook

#### Personal Learning and Thinking Skills

Assessment and recognition through a Record of Achievement

### Progression:

Apprentices successfully completing the Advanced Apprenticeship have opportunities to progress within the industry by continuing onto Higher Education.

### Possible Careers/jobs

Typical jobs apprentices will be able to progress onto on completion of the Advanced Apprenticeship will depend on the qualifications and experience gained, but could include a range of roles within kennels and catteries, pet stores, grooming parlours, vets, animal collections / sanctuaries.

### How to apply

To apply for this course, complete an Apprenticeship and Skills Application Form. You can either contract the Employer Services Team or download one from the website. Return the completed application form to: Employer Services, Myerscough College, Bilsborrow, Preston, PR3 0RY

Or email the completed electronic form to  
[employerenquiries@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:employerenquiries@myerscough.ac.uk)

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## Level 3 Diploma in Workbased Animal Care

Level 3 Diploma in Animal Care	
A minimum of 37 credits are required for this qualification	
Mandatory Units – 28 credits required	Credit Value
Implement, monitor and evaluate plans for the health and welfare on animals	6
Promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security of the workplace	6
Plan the handling and restrain of animals	4
Plan, supervise and control the movement of animals	4
Plan the accommodation of animals	4
Monitor and evaluate the accommodation of animals	4
Either Group A or Group B	
Group A	
Plan diets and feeding regimes for animals	6
Monitor and evaluate the feeding of animals	3
Group B	
Load and unload animals for transportation	3
Establish animals in a new environment	3
Examples of optional units – A minimum of 20 credits from the following units	
Promote and maintain the health and wellbeing of animals	4
Welcome, receive and care for visitors to sites	3
Handle animals to enable them to work effectively	6
Care for animals after they have worked	4
Provide advice and guidance on the choice and care of animals to prospective keepers	7
Assess the suitability of new environments for the placement of animals	7
Provide information on how to maintain the behaviour, health and welfare of animals	2
Recognise and interpret the behaviour of animals	4
Sell over the counter medicines and treatments for the care of animals	7
Organise the receipt and storage of goods in a retail environment	11
Help customers to choose products in a retail environment	8